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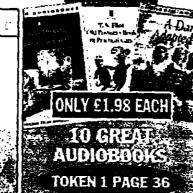
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ney Thomas Hoopes has.

however, said that there might be an escape route for

Woodward in a so-called "Alford plea". That would

allow her to enter a guilty plea

along with an explanation

saying that she was doing so

only because the circum-stances in which she found herself left her with no other

According to Mr Hoopes, that would be a way of saying:

'I'm telling you I did it

because you leave me with no

choice. I'm not telling you t

Meanwhile support for the

19-year-old au pair continues

to grow daily. In Britain a

fund set up to fight for her freedom has reached £125,000

and yesterday thousands of

well-wishers converged on

Elton to pledge support. Families queued to get into the

Rigger pub, which has become

a makeshift campaign head-

quarters, and there were pray-

ers at a special church service

in the village. Ms Mayamba-

Kosongo said that it took her

more than two hours to walk

the 100 yards from the church

There was a further vigil by

demonstrators wearing yellow

ribbons outside the American

Embassy in Grosvenor

Square, where Hillary Clinton

was hosting a reception. She

was driven to a back entrance

In America, too, the case is

dominating radio and tele-

vision talk shows - with the

overwhelming majority back-ing Woodward — that there is

almost certain to be an explo-

sion of outrage if the judge

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

to avoid the protest.

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did it because I did do it."

Rebels face three-line whip

Hague seeks showdown on Europe vote

WILLIAM HAGUE is prepar ing for a confrontation with his pro-European colleagues which could trigger the resig-nation of other Tory frontbenchers, including Sir

George Young.

The Conservative leader is demanding party unity over his opposition to last June's Amsterdam treaty, which includes steps toward further European integration, and he is expected to impose a threeline whip when MPs vote on whether it should be incoporated into UK law.

But several pro-European MPs, including front-benchers, have said that they would not vote against the treaty when it is debated in the

Commons next week. Mr Hague's tough stance comes after calls yesterday for the expulsion of prominent pro-Europeans, such as Michael Heseltine and Kenneth

on his leadership. David Curry, who resigned as Shadow Agriculture Minister over the weekend, claimed that Mr Hague had made a "declaration of war" over the single currency and Mr Heseltine said that Mr Hague had made an unnecessary mistake in toughening the

party policy. Senior pro-European backbenchers say that a three-line whip on the Amsterdam Treaty could prove the crunch point for their continued loyalty to the Tory leader. "A handful of MPs, including

Politics wrecked on Europe's rock

The single currency is the rock upon which the old structure and shape of our politics is breaking. There are no longer three main parties in Britain: there are five When the change is over our politics will look much more like those on the continent. Paddy Ashdown, page 20

that the one issue that could cause the problem for them would be if we were asked to vote against the Amsterdam treaty," one MP said.

Tory sources said that senior party figures had contacted Sir George Young, now the most pro-European Shadow Cabinet member, over the weekend and he had reassured them he was not about to quit. But it emerged yesterday that he had considered resigning last week and many of his colleagues still expect him to follow Mr Curry.

Ian Taylor, who quit as a Northern Ireland spokesman last week, said: I hope we don't take a bull-headed attitude to the Amsterdam treaty. These are the sort of issues which could trigger further

problems within the party." But Mr Hague's aides insisted that a three-line whip was likely - although that would ultimately be up to business managers. "We opposed most of the Amsterdam

Treaty when we were in government. We are against extending qualified majority voting and greater integra-

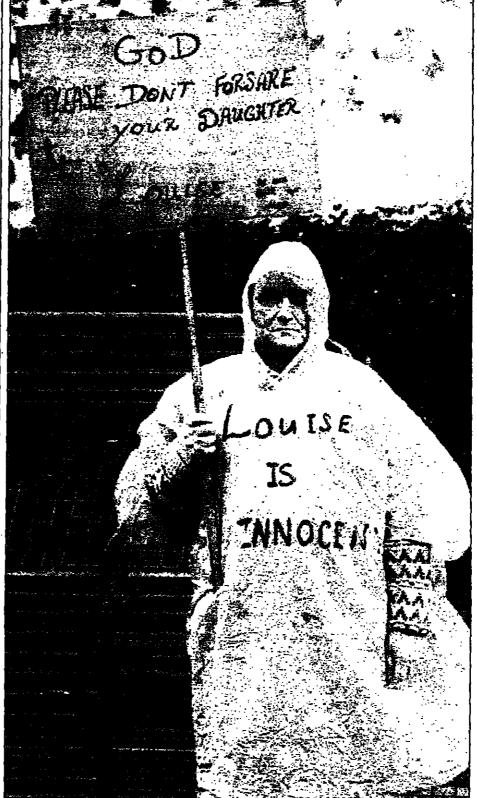
Earlier Alan Clark, the MP for Kensington and Chelsea, called on Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clark to resign from the party or stop railing against Mr Hague's line on a single currency, saying: "If they won't shut up they should

He also accused Mr Clarke of deliberately trying to destabilise the Tory leadership for his own long-term gains.
"It is perfectly clear that all these ex-Cabinet ministers are trying to get at and destabilise the present leadership," he told BBC Radio 4's The World this Weekend. "Mr Clarke went out of his way during the Conservative Party conference to say that he hadn't given up hope of leading the Conservative Party, which was

extremely tactless and uncouth thing to say." But Mr Heseltine was unrepentant and repeated his belief that the Tory leader had no need to take up such a definite stance on the single currency

so early in the Parliament. He also said that he had no intention of leaving the party. It would be a great mistake if the Tory party split in two. One of the reasons why I spoke as I did was I could see precisely the risks of people leaving the party."

> Peter Riddell, page 20 Leading article, page 21



Brian Titchener picketing the American Embassy for the release of Louise Woodward

Special plea to manslaughter may be lifeline for Woodward

By Tunku Varadarajan and Daniel McGrory

option.

LOUISE WOODWARD may have to plead guilty to man-slaughter - even though she is still protesting that she did not kill baby Matthew Eappen - if she is to have any real hope of an early release from jail, lawyers in Boston said

yesterday.

Judge Hiller B. Zobel is thought unlikely to use his powers to overturn the jury's verdict, but lawyers believe he could well replace the murder conviction with one of manslaughter after hearing emergency motions from the defence tomorrow.

To do so. Woodward would have to accept a guilty plea and sign a binding agreement to that effect. And as the deadline for the submission of motions on her behalf approaches, she was said to be adamant that she would make no admission of guilt whatsoever.

It was her refusal to make any such admission that pushed the defence into its "murder or nothing" strategy during the trial that ended with her conviction of the second-degree murder of an eight-month-old baby in her charge. And many fear tha her continued refusal could jeopardise her prospect of a sympathetic ruling from

Judge Zobei. Close friends from her home village in Elton, Cheshire, who have spoken to her parents in Boston say that she is intent on proving her innocence when she appears in court again on Tuesday and that she is not interested in being a party to any legal deal that frees her. Hazel Mayamba-Kosongo said: Louise is innocent and will not accept she played any part

The prominent Boston attor-

does not make a decision in her favour tomorrow. Village besieged, page 3 in that baby's death."

frontbenchers, have told me Saddam faces

American Congressional leaders supported military force against President Saddam Hussein in the form of airstrikes or Tomahawk cruise missile attacks after three American members of a UN weapons inspection team were turned back when they arrived in Iraq on a flight from Bahrain Page 14

American raids

Parish rebels

Jesmond parish church, a large evangelical congrega-tion, is refusing to accept the Bishop of Newcastle's authority because of his support for

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Essex fog pile-up blamed | Truckers defy ban on 'stupid' 70mph drivers

By Kathryn Knight

POLICE condemned the "utter stupidity" of motorists driving at speed in thick fog yesterday after more than a many without their headlights the log were due almost entirehundred vehicles were in-volved in multiple crashes which closed the Al2 in Essex. ly to motorists driving too last. In my experience this is the area's worst-ever traffic pileup," he said. Two police cars were hit as

they tried to slow down traffic Many drivers had to be cut free from the wreckage of their cars. One crash involved a car while police switchboard operators overheard the noise of transporter that hit the central screeching tyres and bangs as reservation. anxious drivers rang in on Roy and Sandra Unwin, mobile phones.

Sixty people were injured, five seriously, and a 25 mile stretch of the road from Chelmsford to Marks Tey. near Colchester, was closed for most of the day. Essex police said there was not a single mile of the road that did not appear to have been

marked by an accident. Superintendent Doug Adams of Essex Traffic Division said that in some areas visibility was down to five yards but many drivers were

were chaotic. "I had slowed still travelling at up to 70 mph, down because of the condi-The multiple crashes in tions but a lorry just drove into the back of me, spinning me round and we were hit by two other cars," Mr Unwin, 51,

> "Some women were hysterical and a lot of people were just getting out of their cars and running in to the fields to escape. It is amazing that we got out without a scratch."

Elsewhere, a multiple crash whose car was reduced to half on the MII between junctions its length, escaped unhurt but eight and nine closed the London-bound carriageway of said the scenes on the road the motorway for three hours.

In Headley Down, Hampshire, several firemen were injured when two fire engines on their way to an emergency call left the road in thick fog. Mist was forecast again today after thick overnight fog, particularly in the South

to beat blockade

FROM ADRIAN LEE IN CALAIS

BRITISH lorry drivers defied a Sunday driving ban as they tried to beat a blockade of key roads by their French counterparts agitating for more pay.
As hopes of a last-minute deal on a wage package ap-peared to break down, French drivers began blockading fuel depots even before the strike was officially due to start last

French law bans all nonrefrigerated lorries from the roads until 10pm on Sunday but British drivers said fines of between £60 and £90 were a small price to pay if it meant getting home or through Ca-

lais with their loads. "I am prepared to risk it," said James Wilson, 52, from Dalbeattie, Dumfries, at Calais ferry terminal. "As soon as it gets dark I will take a flyer and hope that I get away with it. I will probably try to tuck in between two refrigerated lor-Photograph, page 24 | ries and hope the authorities

think I am one of them." During the last strike, which paralysed France for 12 days, he was stuck for three days.

Malcolm Chidgey, 45, and his wife Yvonne, 43, from Torpoint, Cornwall, said they would wait until the Sunday driving ban expired before attempting to leave Calais. They are scheduled to make a week-long trip to Italy. "I actually sympathise with the French drivers," he said. "I know they have been let down. He said making a detour through Belgium. Germany and Austria would

add 500 miles to his journey. Dan Hodges, of the Road Haulage Association, said he was aware some drivers were flouting the Sunday driving ban on heavy-goods vehicles. "While we don't condone that, we would ask the French authorities to be lenient," he said.

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100 words conjure up the story of our century

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

JUST 100 words are needed to evoke the history of the 20th century. Wars and revolutions, men on the moon, rock'n'roll and Aids are all there - 100

years and just a word for each. This exercise in condensation has been achieved by Collins Dictionaries, which claims to have drawn up a list of the words that define the century. They were chosen from those that became common usage and popped up in dictionaries and other reference books

in each year.

Diana Treffry, publishing manager
of Collins English Dictionaries, said:
"We tried to choose words that came

suggested a view of that time and ultimately of the century itself." One of the darkest shadows cast across our times is hinted at in the very

first word chosen, radioactivity, which gained currency in 1896. Aspirin is the The pain of the subsequent decades is well documented. Air raid and tank, Cheka, bolshie and fascism cover just

the war and revolution years until 1919. The misery that followed can be traced through neutron, Gestapo, radar, Dam Busters and doodlebug. But the year when the Second World War ended is marked by Tupperware. The grim catalogue continues with the deceptively cheery-looking bikini and the Cold War expressions Big Brother, newspeak and Nato. Cultural Revolution is a reminder that the 1960s were not as frivolous as some might recall (or fail to recall). Within recent memory the optimism that accompanied the entry of Velvet Revolution into our lexicon was soon dispelled by ethnic cleansing.

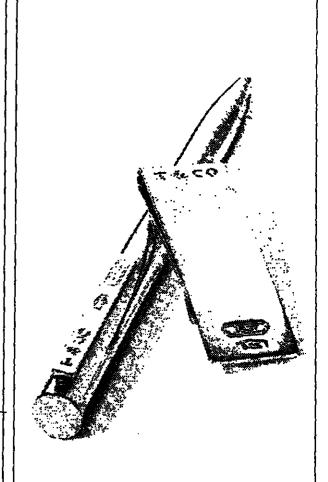
At home, one might be forgiven for thinking that politics were dominated by socialism. The century opened with the emergence of Labour Party and the word for 1997 (tossed in as a bonus 101st entry) is Blairite. Thatcherism, however, is not included.

The extraordinary, head-long ad-

vance of science is well charted, from fingerprint to robot, moonbuggy and the Information Superhighway. Medical advances, including penicillin and test-tube baby, have been great. But Aids is a salutary reminder that we do not control nature as well as we conjure up acronyms to describe its more horrible manifestations.

The 1950s was perhaps the jolliest decade of all. A Teddy Boy could go to a discothèque, listen to rock'n'roll, get stoned and take the Hovercraft home with only John Osborne's angry young man to spoil the psychedelic party.

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Pressure grows to save foxhunting Bill

THE Government is facing mounting pressure from its backbenchers to find parliamentary time for a Private Member's Bill outlawing hunting with hounds, which

is to be unveiled by its sponsors tomorrow. The Bill will provide for jail terms of up to six months and fines of up to £5,000 for hunt participants and those who allow hunts to use their land.

It is expected that the Bill will propose banning the use of dogs "to chase, pursue, harry, bait, attack, injure or kill an animal" but will permit farmers to use dogs to flush out foxes from cover provided that the fleeing animals are then shot.

Last night Downing Street was sticking to the government line that no time could be

BY STEWART TENDLER

BRITAIN tops the Euro-

pean drug-abuse league.

with young people regu-

larly using cannabis and

rave drugs, according to a European Union survey

The report was pro-

duced by the European

Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addic-

tion, based in Lisbon. It

compares the findings of national drug surveys in a number of European

It found that 29 per cent

of Britons under 40 had

tried cannabis, the second

highest figure after Den-

mark, with 43 per cent. But Britons used it most

regularly, with 13 per cent admitting taking it in the

The centre also found

that Britain's under-40s

were the largest users of

dance or rave drugs. Eleven per cent reported hav-

ing taken amphetamines

and 4 per cent took them

in the previous year. Four per cent had tried Ecstasy

and half of them took it in

Britain ranked third for

cocaine abuse by under-

40s, behind Spain and

Germany. Heroin abuse

was low but addiction

was growing.

the previous 12 months.

released yesterday.

countries.

past year.

By Michael Hornsby and Polly Newton found for the Bill in this parliamentary session but did not rule out the possibility of official backing for an anti-hunting Bill at

some stage before the next election. Farmers' leaders said yesterday that a hunting ban on the lines proposed would have far-reaching implications for animal welfare and pest control in the countryside. The Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs)

Bill, promoted by Mike Foster, Labour MP for Worcester, is scheduled for a second reading debate and a free vote in the Commons on November 28, where it seems certain to be supported by most MPs.

In response to a questionnaire sent to all 659 MPs last week by the New Statesman magazine, 299 out of the 402 MPs who replied said they would support Mr Foster's Bill. Out of the 275 Labour MPs who replied.

only one opposed the Bill, while eight were undecided. Eleven Cabinet ministers were side would vote by almost two to one in favour of a hunting ban. among the Bill's supporters.

What happens after November 28 will depend on whether the Government allocates enough time to the Bill to prevent its being "talked out" by opponents.

Government business managers fear that if the anti-hunting Bill were allowed to reach the Lords, filibustering by prohunting peers could delay, or even block, the passage of other legislation to which ministers attach far more importance, such as the devolution Bills.

Publication of Mr Foster's Bill comes three days after the opening of the foxhunting season and will be accompanied by the release of a MORI opinion poll suggesting that people living in the countryfavour of a hunting ban.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said the poll showed that out of some 1.500 people in rural areas who were asked whether they would support or oppose an anti-hunting Bill, 57 per cent said they would support it and 32

per cent that they would oppose it. Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union (NFU), said: "I would be very worried indeed if a Bill along these lines were to be pushed through Parliament. Would hill farmers have to get a court order every time they wanted to deal with a rogue fox which was attacking their flocks?

"How do you ensure a clean, quick kill by shooting? We need a proper inquiry into the implications of such legislation, preferably

by a Royal Commission." Peter Allen, a sheep farmer in Cumbria, said: "On the open fell, where packs of hounds are widely used to track down foxes that have been attacking sheep, 'flushing out' is simply not an option. Sometimes the hounds will corner the fox in a hole underground where

it can be dug out and shot, but they also catch and kill a large percentage of foxes on high, open ground." The Government faces a cross-party

revolt in the Lords over its decision to go ahead with Tory plans to cut single-parent benefits. Tomorrow Earl Russell, the Liberal Democrat social security spokesman, will try to force a vote opposing the move. He expects support from about ten crossbench peers, the bench of Bishops, some Labour peers and even a few Tories.

IN BRIEF

Pensions boost for NHS workers

Health service staff who were mis-sold personal pension plans will be allowed to rejoin the NHS scheme without delay, the Government will announce today. Between 1988 and 1994 an estimated 42,000 employees were persuaded to opt out of their occupational scheme and enter comparatively unfavourable private pen-

Bentley review

The case of Derek Bentley, hanged 44 years ago for the murder of a policeman, is expected to be referred back to the Court of Appeal this week by the Criminal Cases Review Commission, which is also expected to provide a list of ceasons for its

Police switch

More than half of junior police officers would be happy to have allegations against them investigated by an independent team instead of the Police Complaints Authority, as at present. Eight in ten officers believed the public would have more confidence in the results.

Whale stranded

Coastguards were last night trying to guide a 45 ft minke whale back to the North Sea after it became stranded more than 20 miles up the Humber estuary, at South Ferriby. The incoming tide floated the whale shortly after 4pm and boats tried to herd it away.

Man burnt

A fancy-dress partygoer who swathed himself in lavatory paper to pose as an Egyptian mummy may need skin grafts after he set himself alight and was badly burnt. The 19-yearold man was treated in hospital in Plymouth after brushing against a smoker at a pub in Devenport.

McAleese faces **Britain** tops EU dilemma over cannabis wearing poppy league

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

MARY McALEESE, the Irish president elect, faces a dilemma over whether to wear a poppy on her inaugu-ration, which coincides with Armistice Day.

Dr McAleese, who yesterday said she hoped to invite the Queen and Ulster's Unionist leaders to visit, has repeatedly claimed that she can help to unite Unionists

Her first test will come on Tuesday, November II. on her first day in office, when crowds will gather in Dublin to commemorate the estimated 45,000 Irish soldiers who died fighting in the two world wars.

Irish nationalists perceive the poppy as a Unionist symbol and avoid the comnemorations. But Mary Robinson, the former president, became the first Irish

head of state to attend the memorial events at Islandbridge in Dublin. This year's event is particu-

larly poignant because it marks the tenth anniversary of the IRA bomb in Engiskillen that killed it people, including Marie Wilson, the daughter of peace campaign-er Gordon Wilson. The victims had gathered to commemorate the war dead when the bomb exploded.

Dr McAleese, was dearly taken aback when the issue arose over the weekend. Fianna Fail officials admit that it presents a problem for their new president, who secured a resounding victory in Thursday's election with 58.7 per cent of the vote. The president elect said the poppy suggestion was "interesting and that she would give it



Dr McAleese leaving church yesterday. She said the suggestion that she should wear a poppy was "interesting"

Ministers plan political vetting for quango posts

By Valerie Elliott WHITEHALL EDITOR

APPLICANTS for regional quangos and NHS trusts may have to declare political loyalties and voting records under plans being discussed by

They might also have to say whether they belong to a political

party, and if they have donated funds. The moves, which would end the traditional secrecy of the ballot box, are being canvassed by Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, who want to ensure that local bodies are properly representative.

Their views have emerged as the Government prepares its submission

to a review of public appointments procedures by Lord Nolan, the public standards watchdog. David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, has also consulted colleagues on

Magistrates' benches are already vetted in an effort to achieve political balance. Applicants are asked about

are not obliged to answer. Ministers believe there should be explicit questions asking about political allegiance on application forms for local appointments. They do not, however, believe the question is

necessary for appointments to national quangos and committees. The move would directly contri

the recommendations of Lord Nolan, who was adamant in his committee's first report that "inclination to vote and membership of a party should remain party matters". The Committee of Standards in Public Life accepted the arrangements for ap-pointing magistrates, but said: "We believe there are dangers in extend-

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he other is information. And of course in the last two decades there has been an astonishing revolution in the way information reaches the printed pages. For over twenty years, Unisys has been in the forefront of this revolution and today our Hermes product is still changing the way journalists work and news is processed. Above all it allows later production

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Judge Zobel's task is a tricky one, not least because of the various currents of public opinion now swirling around the case. The question he must ask himself is relatively simple: was the jury's ver-dict so "unreasonable" that no "reasonable" jury, having regard to the evidence before it, could possibly have reached the same conclusion?

If the answer to that question is "yes", then it would be open to the judge dict for that of the jury.

Andrew Good, Woodward's attorney, has said that be will ask the judge to either declare the verdict null and void; annul the verdict and order a fresh trial with a new jury, or set aside the verdict and substitute a charge of manslaughter.

American legal experts are pessimistic about the prospects for the first two motions. Since regular annulments would imperil the foundations of the jury system, judges rarely accede to them. Defence lawyers, therefore, are likely to be pinning their hopes most firmly on their "manslaughter motion". especially as it was Judge Zobel himself who suggested the motion on Friday.

life imprisonment Her lawyers will also base their hopes on the personality of the judge, who is known for his independence of spirit and pronounced anglophilia. Thomas Hoopes, a distinguished Boston attorney, said: "My take at this point

after Woodward had been

sentenced to mandatory

capable of doing some thing, this is the guy. And given the clamour out there, in public opinion. polls, and newspapers, be must be feeling the pressure to do something.

"Make no mistake. It is normally extraordinary for a judge to respond favourably to these mo-tions. Candidly, I have to say that he's not going to down, and I don't think the defence really expects him to, either. They'll settle for a manslaughter plea with a short sentence, or no further sentence at all, given that she's been in custody

since February."

Judge Zobel's distinguished curriculum vitae would appear to extend some small hope to Woodward. On two occasions, in 1981 and 1984, he has changed jury verdicts. In both cases, men con-

victed of second degree murder by juries had their charges reduced to manslaughter by the judge. On their release, however, both men went on to kill again, and be convicted of murder. This ugly aftermath may have robbed Judge Zobel of his appetite for setting jury verdicts

Yet the real stumbling block to the judge decreeing a lesser charge could prove to be Woodward herself. Legal experts believe that it would be difficult for Judge Zobel to accept the defence's "manslaughter motion" if it does not come accompanied by

a guilty plea. There is also the prose cution to consider. Gerard Leone, the prosecutor, has made it clear that he will appeal against any decision by the judge to alter the verdict. The defence, too, will take appeals to the Massachusetts Appeals Court and finally the Suis that if any judge is preme Court.

Hundreds converge on Elton to join yellow ribbon campaign

UNDER SIEGE

By Russell Jenkins AND DANIEL MCGRORY

SUPPORTERS of Louise Woodward descended in their thousands on her home village of Elton, Cheshire, yesterday to offer money to her appeal fund and to join the campaign

Police had to close ap-proaches to Elton to stem the tide of wellwishers. Families waited for hours to edge their way into The Rigger - the pub that has become the focal point of the appeal — to leave their donations on a table beside Woodward's photograph. Hundreds crowded on to the village green parading their yellow ribbons and carrying banners in support of the 19-year-old. They joined hands in a silent vigil under the banner "Louise Woodward is innocent".

Demonstrators waited outside the American Embassy in London to voice their protests to Hillary Clinton. Secret Servicemen drove the First Lady to the back of the building to avoid the group, who were demanding the au pair's immediate release. They draped yellow ribbons over barriers outside the embassy in Grosvenor Square, lit candles and shouted slogans as guests including Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, arrived

for a reception.

Andrew Millar, the local Labour MP, is going to see Foreign Office ministers today as the momentum to free the au pair gathers pace.

in Elton, villagers had prayed for Woodward at a special church service at St Mary's in which they were asked to remember her parents, Susan and Gary, who were visiting their daughter in

The Rev Ken Davey led a prayer for those "whose vision of the world is seen through prison bars". He said that he was too emotional to preach a sermon dedicated to Woodward, but, referring to the trial jury, he said: "When you have people who know



Supporters of Louise Woodward in Elton with a giant yellow ribbon yesterday. So far the fund has raised more than £125,000

not combat them, and will

pressure to say they are

Friends who talked to the family in Boston said that Woodward was intent on proving her innocence when she appeared in court again on Tuesday and was not interested in being a party to any legal deal to free her. Hazel Mayamba-Kosongo said: "Louise is innocent and will not accept she played any

part in that baby's death." She said that it took her more than two hours to walk the 100 yards from the church service to the campaign headquarters in the pub yesterday. over Britain. The interest and advice from Britain.

ever; we are overwhelmed and frankly cannot cope." One caller from Ireland pledged £1,000 and many supporters from the United Statesw offered money which will be used to allow Mrs Woodward

Campaigners are hopeful that the American recruitment agency that hired Woodward will fund her appeal. British barristers were among those offering their support last night. John Cooper, who suc-cessfully defended 19-year-old Stephen Packman, who was accused of supplying the Ec-stasy tablet that killed Leah

by what happens in Britain," he said. "This pressure will filter through. We want to cooperate with the Americans.

offer any help we can for free." The mood in Elton is one of anticipation and trepidation about what the judge, Hiller Zobel, may say when he addresses the court tomorrow. Debbie Lalor, who employed Woodward as a babysitter. said: "Never in my wildest dreams did I believe they would bring in that verdict. Now we have to gather our strength again and wait for Tuesday. We have got to be

"American law is influenced seeing the response that is

coming from around the world?"

Carole Nixon, one of the appeal fund organisers, said much of the support was from abroad, a lot of it from the United States. Extra telephone lines set up at the pub were unable to cope with the number of calls.

Mrs Mayamba-Kasongo said they were considering setting up counselling lines for people ringing to express their grief at the conviction. "We expected the interest to die down after a few days, but it seems greater than ever. Today we have had people drive

support for us." Alan and Doreen Davies and their three children, Sarah, Il, Catherine, I4, and Alan, 8, from Hyde, Cheshire, were among the wellwishers. In their car was a handwritten placard with the words: Those that accuse, stand ac-

cused. Set Louise free." Mrs Davies said: "We needed to come here today because we believe passionately that Louise is innocent. This could have happened to anybody's daughter. We felt we needed to be here.

☐ Hundreds attended a vigil outside the American Embassy in Dublin last night to hour and hundreds of people signed a petition.



o posts

Boston paper urges judge to issue manslaughter charge

THE leading newspaper in Massachusetts, The Boston Globe, has called on Judge Hiller B. Zobel to strike out the verdict of second-degree murder and substitute a charge of

manslaughter.

An editorial in the newspaper said: The prosecution, the defence, and the judge all denied Louise Woodward's jury the ability to make a cruciai choice between murder and manslaughter that ought to have figured in its deliberations. Now that the verdict is in. Judge Hiller Zobel has an opportunity to prevent an injustice by making that choice in favour of man-

Observers here this means: go for manslaughter, and the newspaper will back you to the finish. A local lawyer said: The Globe is offering itself as a flakjacket to Zobel. If he wants to reduce the charges against Miss Woodward, he can take comfort from the fact that the biggest paper around here - really, the biggest

AMERICAN REACTION

The Roman Clabe Mansimum and minder

The Globe said the judge could prevent injustice has been heavily criticised for

stakes -- wants him to do exactly that. The case is now political. It is very unusual for a paper like the Globe, which is cau-

tious, to lay its cards on the table so early in the game." The editorial also called on Thomas Reilly, the district attorney for Middlesex County, "to acknowledge now that manslaughter is a more applayer in the public opinion propriate charge". Mr Reilly

ing intensity. The court's duty here is not lockstep adherence to the sentencing guidelines. The goal is justice

charges. Critics have accused him of playing politics to further his hopes to become Attorney-General for Massa chusetts state. Supporters of his opponent, Lois Pines, are already painting him as "the guy who sent Louise down". The Boston Globe had

before the end of the month.

Framingham is overcrowd-

However the Boston Her-ald, the local tabloid newspaper, was less sympathetic to Miss Woodward. Louise Woodward has lost only her freedom and that possibly for a set time. The Eappens' loss his decision to press murder can never be set right. It will go on forever."

A juror has denied claims

from an alternate juror that the jury was influenced by a dislike for Barry Scheck, the defence lawyer. Speaking anonymously, the woman juror said: "The craziest thing I heard someone say is that we came to our decision because of Barry Scheck." harsh words for Miss Woodward's attorneys: The

In solitary for her own safety

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

LOUISE WOODWARD, who is now in solitary confinement at the Massachusetts State Correction Institute at Framingham, spent several hours with her lawyers over the weekend, attempting to com-pose their motions for Judge Hiller B. Zobel.

She was allowed to meet her parents, Gary and Susan, only briefly on Saturday, when they spent 20 minutes together. Yesterday Mrs Woodward said: "We want together. her back by Christmas. I will keep fighting to clear Louise's name until I breathe my last breath. We must be brave, we must be strong, and we shall see that justice prevails in the

Framingham, the only allwomen's prison in Massachusens, has been Miss Woodward's home since her arrest in February. She has FRAMINGHAM PRISON



A cell in Framingham where Miss Woodward is held

never previously been kept in solitary confinement and it is now being done for her own protection. After her conviction, Miss Woodward can expect no sympathy from her inniates. She will be transferred to the "general

According to Anthony Carnevale, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Depart-

ment of Correction, Miss Woodward would have to petition the state correction commissioner for a transfer. That petition would go to a state court and then for approval by a federal magistrate. population" of the prison once authorities conclude that the immediate threat of violence

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British courts accept a US court's sentence, but then apply early release rules in has abated. This could happen accordance with British law. But there have been few such ed and disreputable. It counts international transfers, and



Educating Harry: from Spice Girls to Rorke's Drift

Alan Hamilton

watches as the

young Prince

performs his

on a history lesson yesterday to the site of a memorable British military engagement that has passed into legend thanks to Michael Caine and

The 13-year-old Prince accompanied his father, who is on a five-day official visit to South Africa, to Rorke's Drift in the north of KwaZulu-Natal, where, on January 22, 1879, a British force of fewer than 150 men held out against gained II VCs.

In contrast to the noise and clamour of Saturday night's Spice Girls concert, the Prince and his younger son travelled deep into the countryside to study one of the defining moments in the history of the Zulu nation, in preparation for a visit to a Zulu village today, at which Prince Harry will be on public view.

He performed his first overseas public engagement at the weekend and brought a hotel to a standstill. Guests rang fruitlessly for room service. All requests for sandwiches at the bar were refused. The chef had declined to prepare so much as a slice of toast until the Prince and his father had toured his pristine kitchens.

Walking two steps behind the Prince of Wales, who had arrived to open the new Hilton

first official Royal duty in Sandton, near Johannesburg, Harry dutifully shook hands with chefs, waiters and

washers-up, smiling back at those who flashed admiring grins at him. Not an onion was peeled nor a carrot chopped as staff crowded round for a sight of their diminutive visitor. Dressed in a dark suit and

purple and red silk tie, he seemed entirely at ease, occasionally exchanging comments and questions with the afternoon's mother figure, Maeve Fort, the High Commissioner in Pretoria and the most senior woman in the British Diplomatic Service.

Father and son had been reunited in a private suite at the hotel after Prince Harry's safari holiday which, it was disclosed yesterday, had been in the Okavango delta in Botswana. The Prince of

> pop publicity stunt. What did he think of meeting the Spice Girls? "It is the greatest moment of my life," he replied gamely. Was it the greatest moment in your life too, Your Royal Highness? "No." the Prince replied, "the second greatest." Oh, so what was the greatest, then? "When I first met them, in Manchester."

claring the hotel open. Prince

exciting, item on the agenda.

They left for the Johannes-

The whole concert spanned

seven hours but the star

attraction occupied a bare ten

minutes. The Spice Girls gy-

rated and mimed their way through Spice Up Your Life, Wannabe and Say You'll be

There, looking like preposter-

ous Barbie dolls balanced on

From his distant evrie

Prince Harry watched the

action through large binocu-

lars and occasionally took

photographs. At least he knew

what they looked like, as he

had been introduced to them

backstage before their act, and

had survived a chaotic media

scrum as the world's press

fought to capture the moment.

Girls, who were giving their

services free, had taken charge

of a knockabout photo call

with the Prince of Wales and

President Mandela. Mr

Mandela, possibly the most dignified world leader of our

time, seemed content to play

along with the indignities of a

Earlier in the day the Spice

six-inch platform shoes.

The girls pronounced Mr Mandela their hero. "But I am an old man," the 79-year-old protested. Ginger Spice lipped her arm around him. "You're as young as the girl you feel — and I'm 25," she said. The repartee went downhili after that.

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Stephen Pound: admits to being nervous about -becoming part of nation's history with first speech

without the power of speech

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By POLLY NEWTON

A DWINDLING band of new MPs is facing notoriety as the last of the 1997 intake to speak for the first time in the

Although most newcomers have made their debut on the floor of the House, about 20 have yet to deliver their so-called maiden speech. Until they have done so they cannot take part in Parliamentary debates, although they can ask questions

Several admitted last week that they were anxio to avoid bringing up the rear into the pages of Hansard, the official record of proceedings in Parliament. Others say they are unworried by the

Stephen Pound, Labour MP for Ealing North, said: "We are having a sweepstake on whether I'm going to be the last one. It's a badge of pride. I think MPs are ar too verbose, by and

large." Mr Pound did, however, admit to some trepidation: The thought that what you are saving is being listened to and written down to become part of the nation's history turns your

bowels to water. Doug Naysmith. abour MP for Bristol North West, said: "I don't want to be the last. I'm quite keen to get it out of the way." So far he has been unable to catch the Speaker's eve

Paul Clark, Labour MP for Gillingham, said he would make his maiden speech before Christmas, lthough he had plenty of other things to do as an MP. "If I had been sitting here doing nothing since May I I would be worried that I bady't done it, but the Commons is only part of an MP's work and I have been doing a great deal in the constituency. I'm not concerned about being one

MPs still | Eco-warriors head for latest battleground

VETERANS of the protests against the Newbury bypass and Manchester Airport extension are converging on what they expect to be the next environmental battleground — the proposed route for the first toll motorway.

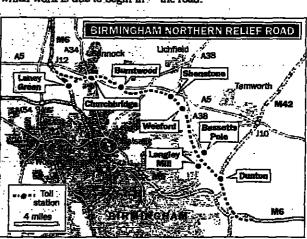
As they put together tree houses at the weekend, the self-styled eco-warriors promised a long campaign against the £400 million Birminghan Northern Relief Road, which will link the M6 with the M42 and is designed to ease congestion in the West Midlands.

The first batch of protesters have moved into Green Woods, near Tanworth, Staffordshire, owned by the ARC company, which extracts gravel from a neighbouring quarry. Other camps are expected along the 272-mile route as opposition to the road on which work is due to begin in

two years, gathers force. ARC said yesterday that it had no plans to try to remove the protesters. Police said the occupation was a civil matter because the site is privately owned, and they had no power to intervene.

Fern, 22, the daughter of psychology lecturers at Birmgham University, said: This mad will actually create more traffic. It is important to make a stand because it is the first toll motorway and others could follow."

Dee, another campaigner, is settling into his fifth camp, while Meadow is on his third. Once people get to know that we are here, more will come," Fern said. "Because the land is still in private ownership they won't be able to use taxpayers money to evict us and we hope that will put them off building



Surrogate mother in legal fight for baby

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A SURROGATE mother who refused to give up her baby at birth now faces a legal challenge over custody by its bio-

Karen Roche, 32, had agreed to bear a child for Clemens and Sonja Peeters, a Dutch couple, but refused to give up baby Stuart when he was born eight days ago. Mr Peeters, the baby's natural father, has lodged an applica-

tion at Middlesbrough County Court for access to his son. His move is the culmination of nine months of wrangling between Ms Roche and the Peeterses over the baby's fate.

Ms Roche, a maternity nurse from Scarborough, agreed to bear the child for £12,000. But she called off the deal, saying she had "bonded" with the baby while it was in



Teenage dream come true: Prince Harry backstage with Baby Spice in Johannesburg on Saturday

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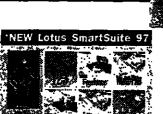
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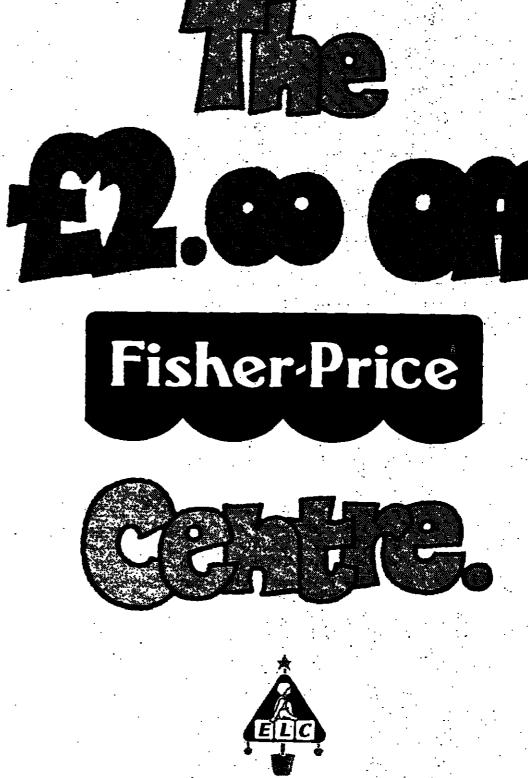
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head Parish rebels over battlegroup new pro-gays bishop Evangelicals will not accept an official appointment, writes Ruth Gledhill church. It says the church members are no longer willmembers are no longer willmember

church are refusing to accept his authority because of his support for homosexuals.

Jesmond parish church, an evangelical congregation in the Newcastle diocese, has declared itself "out of communion" with the Right Rev Martin Wharton, who is due to be installed as the Bishop of Newcastle in February. The parochial church council says: "We cannot have a bishop who affirms homosexual sex."

In a 22-page open letter today, the council demands that the Archbishop of York. Dr David Hope, appoint another bishop to care for them pastorally.

Bishop Wharton said on his appointment to Newcastle that "homosexuality within a loving permanent relationship is no sin". He is area bishop for Kingston-upon-Thames in the Southwark diocese and attended last year's controver-Southwark Cathedral to mark the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement.

Bishop Wharton, whose election to Newcastie has yet to be confirmed, comes from the liberal wing of the Church of England. He will replace the Right Rev Alec Graham, an Anglo-Catholic. Bishop Wharton is married with a daughter and two sons. Dr Hope, who is visiting the Middle East, has pledged to address the issue on his

The Rev David Holloway, vicar of Jesmond, said: "I have a legal duty under Church ordinals to drive away erroneous and strange doctrines.
This is a mess and we have not caused it. How the problem is resolved is not ours.

"We have to be faithful to the Gospel. We are not fighting an individual. We just want the Church to see that we can't carry on in this way." Bishop Wharton is "by no means the most extreme" Church's proamong the bishops, Mr

Holloway said. Bishop Wharton declined to comment yesterday but a spokesman said his, views were in line with the House of Bishops' 1991 statement on parishes human sexuality, which sanctioned committed homosexual relationships for laity but



The Rev David Holloway opposes the appointment of the Right Rev David Wharton, below, as bishop



ruled them out for clergy. The decision of the parish to declare itself outside the Church's official leadership brings to a head the simmering feud in the Church of England over the issue of homosexuality. Jesmond is among dozens of parishes that have allied themselves to the Reform movement, an increasingly influential body seeking to change the Church

from within. The hallm are conservative evangelicalism and outspoken hostility to the prevailing

issues of sexuality and personal morality. Jesmond's statement will be debated by the Reform committee when it meets tomorrow. Other parishes are likely to take a similar stand.

In the statement, worked out in regular meetings through the summer, the church council says it will not accept Bishop Wharton as its bishop and is acting "out of fidelity to Jesus Christ: the Christian Church, the doctrine of the Church of England and our own trust deed which requires us to be a

ing to put up with compromise or ambiguity. While expecting opposition from ordained clergy and bishops, the council continues: "We know that our views and concerns are shared by many, especially lay

people."
The council accuses Church leaders in Britain and America of heresy on the issue. which it says is causing a decline in morale and num-bers. British bishops are ig-noring biblical teaching on homosexuality and that is "totally unacceptable", the council says. The parish is "at the very least" in impaired communion with the new

bishop.
This means we cannot accept the oversight of the bishop-elect of Newcastle not on any personal grounds but on doctrinal and moral grounds. We therefore have to seek alternative episcopal oversight."

The church council has already invited an evangelical bishop to conduct a confirmation service next March. It wants Dr Hope to appoint another bishop to grant the necessary licences to the parish's lay reader and ordained staff worker. The council considers that any licences to be issued by Bishop Wharton will be defective because of his views on homosexuality. Its appeal to Dr Hope comes under Canon Cl7, which reters to his duty "to correct and supply the defects of other

Jesmond parish has allied itself with the Kuala Lumpur Statement, issued by Anglican bishops from four continents earlier this year, in which they denounced homosexual acts as "dishonouring to God". The Jesmond statement prefigures a possible split in the Church of England as the campaign to ordain homosexuals gathers strength. A international church commission is to be set up next year to examine all

aspects of human sexuality. The Rt Rev John Austin Baker, former Bishop of Salisbury, recently gave a lecture arguing that practising homosexuals should be allowed to Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, has admitted knowingly ordaining a practising homosexual.



Activists from Stonewall and OutRage! in Whitehall yesterday, where they laid down pink wreaths

'Queer Remembrance' anger

Old soldiers condemn ceremony at Cenotaph, writes Kathryn Knight

More than 200 activists from Stonewall and Out-Ragel, the homosexual rights groups, gathered in Whitehall to lay pink wreaths and bouquets to commemorate

A GAY rights campaigners

Day" at the Cenotaph yester-

day, a week before Remem-

were condemned for staging

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women who served during the Second World War.

They were criticised by the Royal British Legion and other military organisations which said it was an offence to many soldiers who could not understand why they could not join the main service. Members of Rank Outsiders, an organisation of were among those to lay pink

Peter Tatchell, of Out-Ragel, said British Legion officials should have attended. "If they had come along they would have seen that it was a solemn and dignified tribute." he said.

A spokesman at the British Legion headquarters in

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London said it did not want to intervene but felt the cerecould cause offence. It is bound to offend many former soldiers," he said.

Others were more outspo ken, Albert Hopkins, 73, from the 8th Army Veterans Association, said it was a "cheap publicity stunt" and it was inappropriate for a minority group to hijack the Cenotaph for their own ends. "If this was a remembrance

ceremony, then why use pink flowers instead of the traditional poppies and wreaths? The Cenotaph is a memorial to all the war dead, not just minerity groups. A lot of our members are deeply offended by what they have done." Arthur Titherington, chairman of the Japanese Labour Camp Survivors Association,

said the ceremony was "distasteful and unnecessary". "As far as I'm concerned. homosexuals who died dur ing the war were just soldiers and are remembered along-side everyone else."

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Judges set to escape register of Masons

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

JUDGES are expected to be excluded from any compul-sory register of Freemasons in the criminal justice system after a fresh clash between the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary.

Senior judges have made strong representations to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, that they would find a compulsory register offenprivacy and of freedom of association, both rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights. They also argue that such a register would encourage litigants to seek judges they thought might be more sympathetic to their cause.

Although Lord Irvine still supports the idea of a compulsory register — as favoured by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and other ministers - he is concerned about the practical problems of creating one, as well as what he sees as the genuine concerns of the judiciary. He told the Home Affairs Committee of MPs recently: "One can't just ignore these arguments, one must pay attention to them."

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The Government has still not responded to the commit-



Lord Irvine: put case for judges who are Masons

tee's report, made in March, which recommended a compulsory register, because ministers are at loggerheads over what to do. One official said:
"Basically, there is a stand-up fight about it."

Lord Irvine denied he was "wobbling" on the issue but said it was his duty to put forward the judges' views to other members of the Government. A spokesman from the Lord Chancellor's Department confirmed that policy was not settled on the issue but that a response would be

forthcoming in due course.

A likely solution will be to create a compulsory register for non-judicial parts of the criminal justice system, such as the police; but excluding the judiciary. The Lord Chancellor does not support a voluntary register because, he has said, it would result in "mass disobedience" that would be "the worst of both worlds".

Lord Irvine is believed to be sympathetic to the argument that judges have to consider potential conflicts of interest every day in their work. If Freemasonry was the subject of a case before them and they were members of a lodge, they would stand down.

In its report the Home Affairs Committee said that according to information from the United Grand Lodge, none of the law lords, two of the 39 Court of Appeal judges and one of the 96 High Court judges were Freemasons.

A sample investigation showed one of the 75 judges on the Midland and Oxford circuit and 16 of 64 judges on the North East circuit were

The Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary have also disagreed over proposals to speed up youth justice and over the model for a Human Rights Bill



Gunner Sarah Topping, left, Lieutenant Rachel Forbes, on Warrior, and Lieutenant Nichola Worsley, of the 14th Regiment Royal Artillery

Heavy duty for the frontline girls

It's a tough life with little room for privacy, so why would a young

woman choose it? asks Joanna Bale

YOUNG women considering applying for a job in the Royal Artillery were urged by a senior army officer yester-day not to be put off by the tough physical standards de-manded of frontline gunners.

After last week's historic decision by the Government to allow women to apply for some of the Army's all-male frontline units from next April, the Royal Artillery opened its doors to *The Times* to show what life would be like for women recruits.

At the Royal School of Artillery in Larkhill, Wilt-shire, male gumers training with the 14th Regiment Royal Artillery sniggered as I struggled to lift a 93.51b shell for loading into an AS90 gun and staggered just a few 100lb rucksack. However, quires skills that women and sleep for up to three days privacy, you just have to sit it from afar."

Lieutenant-Colonel Lewthwaite, commanding officer of the regiment, said that, with intensive training, many women would build up "gender-free" fitness tests to be introduced in April. They will include lifting a 90b ammunition box on to a truck and carrying two jerry-cans. weighing about 40lb each, for 200 yards at 3mph.

"We do not even expect men to be able to do these things without training," he said. "Obviously, women are not as strong as men but every crew has its strengths and weaknesses. It's a ques-tion of a balance of capabilities. The equipment is becoming increasingly automated and much of the



Joanna Bale gets a helping hand with a 93lb shell

without venturing outside,

the obvious question was:

Where do you go to the loo?"

Harris, 23, pointed to a long

metal tube with a plastic sack

at one end, clearly not designed with women in mind.

He then lifted his seat up to

reveal a chemical lavatory.

Women will have to use

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equipped for, such as analysing data on a computer

It might be possible to envisage women competing in this tough environment, but would they really want to? In the claustrophobic confines of a Warrior armoured vehicle, where five crew are expected to work, eat

man opposite. Gunner forward observation posts, which track enemy gun positions and send back co-ordinates, involve teams of four living in Arctic tents that look just big enough for two. It was difficult to imagine being a woman squashed between three men for days at a time.

Lieutenant Nichola Wor-sley, 25, a Sandhurst graduate who has just finished her gun-position officer training and is in charge of a battery of 120 men working in frontline reconnaissance, said: "I don't have a problem working in this environment. I have always wanted to be in the Army. I love being outside and carrying guns.

lt's a very exciting and chal-lenging job."
Gunner Sarah Topping, 19,
who joined the Army six
months ago, said: "In a war situation, I would be excited but nervous, like everyone else, but I want to be part of it all, not sitting back watching

Readers urged to flirt with a library blind date

By DALYA ALBERGE

LIBRARIES are playing matchmaker in Sheffield this week, running singles nights

for unattached readers.

The scheme is not a search for people who have been left on the shelf, however. Librarians are looking for those who are "not involved with a book at the moment", hoping to entice them to curl up with a different kind of read. Someone who usually heads for the motoring section will be en-couraged to flirt with romantic

It is among nationwide activities during National Libraries Week, launched today. Leeds Central Library is issuing "blind date" partners — books wrapped in paper bags so that their contents can be discovered only later.

Other libraries will open all night, run "surgeries" with doctors advising on self-help books, and there will be book signings by Bill Bryson, Mar-tin Amis and Jilly Cooper at the Connaught Rooms, central London, on Saturday.

It is to highlight the role played by public libraries in the community, particularly the most deprived and isolated areas, in stimulating imagination and creativity.

Coinciding with the events

is the publication of a research project undertaken by the universities of Sheffield and Loughborough and funded by the British Library. Ross Shimmon, of the Li-

brary Association, said: "We all know in our guts that libraries make a difference to the quality of life. This re-search provides evidence of how they do that."

It found that when Sheffield libraries were shut by a strike almost a quarter of the community said they missed it for social reasons. Researchers found that people value libraries as "a warm and welcoming place that belongs to them".

They picked out a letter from a 13-year-old boy, Israr Ahmed, to his his local library in Leeds: "You have changed lite. I'm the same bo hated to read and write." That was a typical letter, they said.

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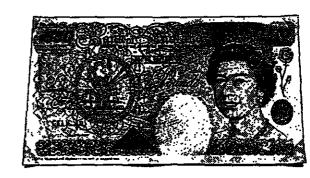
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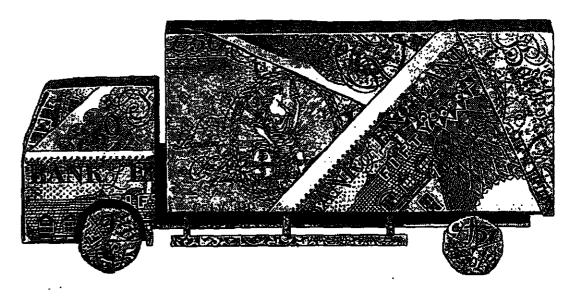
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Orchestras face crisis as children turn off music

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John O'Leary tells how the

basic structure of the musical pyramid has

been seriously

weakened

children taking up a musical instrument is threatening the orchestras of the future, according to a survey published today by music's main examining body.

While more adults are playing an instrument, the five to ten-year-olds who form the seedcorn of musical life are turning to other pastimes. The decline, combined with a shift away from minority instruments, will leave children's orchestras struggling to fill some specialist roles.

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, which examines more than 330,000 candidates a year, has traced the popularity of instrumental playing over the past three years. A national poll of teachers and pupils has shown a boom in woodwind instruments such as the flute and the clarinet, while the piano and difficult instruments such as the french horn have suffered.

Richard Morris, the board's chief executive, said: "The decline among young children is a matter of great concern because it will shake the whole pyramid of instrumental music in the coming years. If you do not start learning an instrument before the age of 11, the chances of ever doing so

"Our examination entries show that there is a particular problem with some minority instruments, which will have hideous consequences for orchestras eventually. Some children's orchestras are already finding it difficult to find people to play instruments such as the french horn or the bassoon." Part of the problem lies in the provision of school music, the board believes. The shift in control of music teaching from local authorities to



Catriona Parker at the Royal Academy of Music. Not enough children are playing instruments, a report says

individual schools has encouraged governors to cut music budgets and left many authorities unable to offer specialist tuition in some

The number of lessons taken in school has dropped sharply since the board's last national survey, in 1994. Mr Morris said: "I feel very strongly that instrumental music teaching should be organised at the level above individual schools. A school cannot afford its own french. horn teacher and, unless budgets are earmarked, a local service cannot work properly."

Traditional children's instruments such as the piano were already in decline when the board carried out its 1994 survey. Only 18 per cent of children were playing the piano, compared with 48 percent of adult musicians, but the vogue for electronic key. boards offered hope.

The keyboard boom proved a false dawn, however, with few players transferring to the piano. Mr Morris said: "The market has moved on and the keyboard is no longer everybody's fun Christmas present. Those who did take them up were able to make very quick progress but it requires hour after hour of practice to play the piano to any level of

Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, is expected to attend the launch of the board's report this morning in London. He has backed plans for the establishment of a new fund to support instrumental tuition, using Lottery money. He is also considering a proposal for a National Schools Music Trust, with the backing of celebrities such as Sir Paul McCarmey and Lord

Lloyd-Webber, to bring in private funding. The board's report will show that, the number of lessons given by teachers in their own homes has held up well since 1994. The number of pupils to each teacher has, however, declined. ready said that it would

Debt plan for new teachers

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

MINISTERS should consider "golden handcuffs" for newly qualified teachers improve recruitment to the profession, MPs are expected to recommend today.

The Commons Education and Employment Select Committee which is believed to recommend several measures to make teaching more attractive, says the Government should "seriously consider" writing off new teachers' student dehts, on condition that they stay in the profession. The Government has al-

exempt students on one-year postĝraduate teaching courses from tuition fees of El,000 a year. But the select committee is understood to suggest that it could go further. By the time many students qualify as teachers, they could be up to £10,000 in debt.

Other financial incentives could include paying trainees, possibly by backdating some of their first year's salary: The committee is also expected to call for an investigation of teachers' wrkload and for better support from non-teaching school staff.

Press at risk from privacy law, says Wakeham

By EMMA WILKINS

LORD WAKEHAM, chairman of the Press Complaints Commisssion, said yesterday that proposed human rights legislation could threaten the freedom of the press.

He said the Bill to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, which has its second reading in the Lords today, could lead to a privacy law "by the back door" and create a 'villains' charter".

Article 8 of the convention guarantees every individual the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his corres-pondence" and does not mention journalistic inquiries in the public interest.

There will be some lawyers who will try to use this Article to create a common law of privacy through the back door, against the wishes of Parliament and the intentions of the Government," Lord Wakeham said. "While a privacy law might be established to protect those in the public eye with nothing to hide, it would be used mercilessly by those who had everything to hide. It would be a villains' charter." he wrote in the Mail

on Sunday.
Lord Wakeham's comments came after Les Hinton, executive chairman of News International, said incorporating the convention into British law could encourage judges to develop a common law of privacy. Mr Hinton asked the Government to clarify how the privacy provisions in the convention were to be interpreted in law and balanced against Article 10, which guaranteed freedom of expression.

"We believe that there are in English law enough remedies for protecting an individual's privacy and that they, coupled with the industry's self-regulation through the Press Complaints Commission and the Broadcasting Standards Commission can provide the necessary balance," he told the Guild of Editors' annual conference in Leeds.

A Home Office spokesworn an said the Government had no plans for a privacy law: "We have made it clear that the courts need to consider the right to freedom of expression in conjunction with Article 8."

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Change for BBC news By Carol Midgley, media correspondent

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BBC's Six O'Clock News are being proposed to entice younger viewers and boost its ratings in the regions.

Some BBC executives are seeking to modernise the content and presentation of the programme, which has lost

style news bulletins on cable and satellite channels.

A BBC spokeswoman said yesterday: "If the Six O'Clock News does change its format in any way it will be in response to what the viewers have indicated they want."



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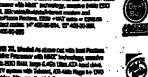
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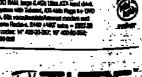
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Paper told it can print spy claims if they are untrue

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FURTHER accusations of MI5 "bungling" from the for-mer intelligence desk officer David Shayler were published yesterday after the Home Secretary decided that they were untrue and therefore could not

damage national security. Jack Straw lifted the injunction imposed on The Mail on Sunday in August after being assured by Stephen Lander. Director-General of MIS, that the latest allegations were based on a misconception by Mr Shayler and that there was no reason to stop publication. Mr Shayler's latest claim is that the Security Service could have prevented the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in London in 1994, in which 13 people were injured.

Mr Straw said Mr Lander was apparently satisfied that MI5 had not been given any detailed information that pointed to a bomb attack. Mr. Straw had been assured that

Mr Shayler was not working in the relevant section of MIS at the time and had misconstrued "office gossip".

Mr Shayler, who is abroad while Special Branch officers investigate a suspected breach of the Official Secrets Act arising from his earlier allegations, claimed that MI5 had received specific prior intelligence about the bombing and had failed to pass it to the Israelis or to the police. He told The Mail on Sunday that a written report from a highly trusted source was sent to an MI5 desk officer but that she had failed to act on it. He claimed that the report was found, after the car bomb explosion on July 26, in the

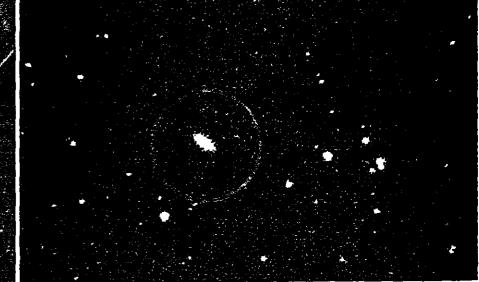
filing cabinet of another desk Moshe Raviv, Israel's Ambassador to Britain, was quoted as saying: "If this information is correct it is amazing that greater efforts

were not made to prevent the attacks."

It also emerged yesterday that the original injunction was served not because of the published allegations about files on Mr Straw, Peter Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio, and Victoria Brittain, a Guardian journalist, but because of separate references to an intelligence operation against Libya. The references are understood to have compromised Security Service agents.

A Home Office spokesman said: The Government is not seeking to suppress fair criticism of the Security Service but some of the disclosures which have previously been made have been damaging to national security and to individual agents." He insisted the injunction was still in place and that future revelations could not be printed without Mr Straw's permission.





Tom Boles with the equipment he used to spy out the supernova in the ringed area. "Wellingborough is not the ideal place for a telescope"

Garden astronomer shoots to stardom

An amateur with a 10in telescope has discovered a supernova, reports Nigel Hawkes

AN AMATEUR astronomer has discovered a supernova from his back garden. Tom Boles, a telecomeations engineer from Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, is only the third British amateur to discover a supernova, an exploding star that

bursts into brilliance. Mr Boles used a 10in telescope fitted with an electronic camera. He has a library of 1,000 galaxy images

taken by the Hubble space telescope and compared some with those taken by his camera. By switching rapidly between the two, he spotted a star on his image that was not present on the

"Fortunately, I was on a week's leave from my job last week," he said. "Wellingborough is not the ideal place for a telescope, as there is a lot of light pollution, but last week the Moon was out of the way, the skies were cloudless and the observing conditions were good."

The discovery, in a galaxy called NGC 3451 in the constellation of Leo Minor, was made last Wednesday and confirmed the next night by Mr Boles and the Whipple Observatory in Arizona. By Friday, Mr Boles had had only six hours' sleep since the

named 1997dn. Jacqueline Mitton of the Royal Astronomical Society said: "This is quite an achievement for an amateur. The technique is hard and requires a lot of skill, and a bit of

Supernovas are not rare: about 20 a year are found. The rare examples are those in our galaxy and those visible to the naked eye, neither of which applies to Mr Boles's find.

Hunt for crash driver who fled in patrol car

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A DRIVER who stole a police car and fled after a 70 mph chase though a town centre ended in a fatal crash was being hunted yesterday.

was being pursued by a constable when he sped through red lights in Barnsley and collided with a Peugeot 406 driven by Peter Walpole, a retired major, who died later from multiple injuries.

The Fiesta driver received facial injuries and was put, bleeding, into the back of the police car by PC Gary Kelsall while he attended to the other driver. As the officer returned to his car, a Vauxhall Omega, the man jumped into the driving seat and drove straight at him, brushing him aside. PC Kelsall, 32, was

treated for a leg injury.

Police said they believed they knew the identity of the escaped driver after finding the patrol car abandoned. 18

miles away in Wakefield. The Fiesta had been spotted by police near Barnsley town centre driving at speed but refused to stop. As both cars approached a junction, the Fiesta accelerated and the officer activated his two-tone

J. E. Pericka had

horn and lights to warn drivers at the junction. The Flesta driver overtook a queue of traffic and jumped the lights.

Superintendent Ken The man's Ford Fiesta XR2i Athorn, head of South Yorkshire Police traffic department, said: The officer was in a difficult situation. There will be an inquiry into why the keys were left in the car."

He said the driver was likely to have suffered a serious head injury. There were lacerations to his face and a lot of blood. "We are dealing with a very sections accident and he has obviously without thought to the other person. The man made no attempt

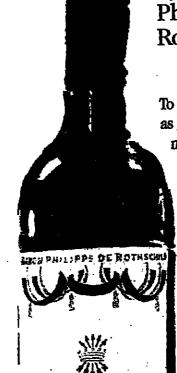
to stop. It was a callous act and he continued to drive away. Fortunately for my officer, he was pushed sideways by the impact, sustaining injuries to his legs. If he had gone underneath the car he could have been seriously injured or

Experts were viewing videotape from an on-board camera in the police car.

Mr Walpole, a bachelor, was returning home after visiting a woman friend. He was transport manager for Barnsley council.

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Words that define the modern age

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HOW can we best take the measure of the 20th century? Collins Dictionaries claim to have spelt it out in 100 words coined in those years.

Many other ways have been used to mark time. The Romans measured out their centuries by the names of their consuls. The Greek system of chronology, using quadrennial Olympiads,

Philip Howard gives his own definitions of HarperCollins's words of the century.

1896 Radioactivity This word wears its derivation on its face. The spontaneous alteration of the nuclei of radioactive atoms. Alpha, beta and gamma radiation.

1897 Aspirin First used for headaches and fever, now said to prevent heart attacks. The trade name. now generic in Britain, was derived from the Greek.

1898 Krypton Greek for "hidden thing". A colourless, odourless gas used in fluorescent lights and lasers. Superman's planet and The Krypton Factor.

1899 Gamine An elfish young woman. French for a young street Arabess. Audrey Hepburn in Roman Holiday was the archetypal, unforgettable, adorable gamine.

1900 Labour Party Latin toil. Old English for pain and grief. New Labour is more chardonnay and avo-cado dip. less beer and sandwiches.

1901 Fingerprint No two fingerprints are the same. First used in India as a means of identifying suspects. Then in England and in thrillers. DNA is better.



1902 Teddy bear Brooklyn candy store owner Morris Michtom made the first teddy bear of brown plush and named it for that great huntsman, Theodore

1903 Tarmac The eponym of the paving material is John Loudon McAdam (1756-1836), the Scottish engineer.

1904 Fifa The acronym for Federation Internationale de Football Association. Professional football is overpaid lions organised by donkeys and hyenas.

1905 Sinn Fein Irish republican Marxist movement founded about 1905. In Irish "we ourselves". In practice it means murder, anarchy and madness.

1906 Suffragette A woman lighting for the right to vote. Latin suffragium means a voting tablet. Wom-en's efforts in the First World War persuaded British males that women could also be trusted with the vote.

1907 Allergy Special sensitivity of the body that makes it react, with an exaggerated response, eg. hay

1908 Borstal A reformatory for "juvenile adults". Toponym of the village near Rochester in Kent where this corrective penal method was introduced.

centuries after the birth of Christ, few people were conscious that they were living in the Christian Era. And when our present Christian (Common) Era was established, we managed to get the date of the birth of Christ between four and seven years wrong. So the method chosen by century by the words that came into English in

Orleans plantation in 1825?

Mr Razz, a conductor?

Charles or Chaz, a Vicksburg

hats, haversacks and poles.

1911 Air Raid

The first air raid dropped two

hand-held bombs from an

Italian biplane on a Libyan

1912 Schizophrenia

1913 Isotope

One of two or more atoms that

have the same atomic number

(same number of protons), but

a different number of neu-

trons. Coined by Fred Soddy.

1914 Vorticism

Short-lived movement in Brit-

ish painting, begun by Wynd-

ham Lewis in Blast. The

avant-garde against estab-

1915 Tank

Winston Churchill, who advo-

cated its use, gave it the name

tank as a cover to conceal the

1916 Dada

International revolutionary

movement in art and litera-

ture. The name, a hobbyhorse,

1917 Cheka

Bolshevik secret police. The

acronym of the Russian words

for Extraordinary Commis-

sion for Combating Counter-

Revolution, Sabotage and Speculation. Superseded by

Ogpu, NKVD, the KGB and other ugly abbrevs.

1918 Bolshie/Bolshy

Anybody tricky to handle or

radical. A shortening of

Bolshevik, first used as a

disparaging adjective by

1919 Fascism

Mussolini founded the Fasci

di Combattimento in Milan in

March. The fasces of rods with

an axe for beheading were

1920 Robot

In Karel Capek's play R. U. R.

mechanical men made by the

Rossum Universal Robots

Corporation revolt. From the

1921 Chaplinesque

Characteristic of ther first international film star, ie.

sentimental, pathetic and on

1922 Gigolo

A young man "kept" financial-

ly by an older woman in

1923 Spoonerism

Metathesis (accidental trans-

position of letters or syllables)

named after the Rev William

Archibald Spooner, dean and

warden of New College.

1924 Surrealism

"Beyond realism", the domi-nant force in Western art

the side of the underdog.

return for his attentions.

Czech robata "work".

carried by a Roman lictor.

D. H. Lawrence.

new weapon from spies.

was plucked at random.

lished culture.

drummer?

the Freudian theory of the Enough to form a jazz group are credited with lending their names to this word. A dancing 1925 British Summer Time Introduced by the Daylight Saving Act, and now useless slave called Jasper on a New

1926 Television Technically a barbarism. The 1910 Girl Guide correctly formed word would Agnes Baden Powell's organbe either proculvision or isation for girls. Originally teleopsis. with blue serge skirts, straw

1927 Talkie Abbreviation for a talking as opposed to a silent film. The Jazz Singer starring Al Jolson singing Mammy was released in this year.

1928 Penicillin Alexander Fleming obtained it from a fungus. The Latin A psychotic disorder characterised by progressive deteriopenicillus means a tuft of ration of the personality. Its hairs. The asexual spores of the fungus are hairy. use to mean "indecisive" is a

> 1929 Maginot Line André Maginot, the French Minister of Defence, had this wall built along the eastern border of France but forgot about Belgium.

1930 Pluto The smallest planet. Its name of the Greek god of the Underworld. "the rich one", was suggested by Venetia Burney (aged 11) of Oxford.

Margaret Herrick, librarian of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, shown an Art Deco manikin: "He reminds me of my uncle Oscar."

1932 Neutron: An elementary particle, electrically uncharged. Modelled on electron, taken from the Latin neutralis "neither one thing nor the other".

1933 Gestapo A contraction from Geheime Staats Polizei, the Nazi secret 1934 Belisha Beacon

Black-and-white striped posts topped with yellow globes. introduced by Leslie Hore-Belisha, to halt "mass mur-

1935 Alcoholics Anonymous Founded by alcoholic Bill Wilson, based on bonding sessions and public confession of

1936 Mickey Mouse Invented by Walt Disney, first called Mortimer Mouse: "He was my firstborn and how I achieved all the other things I

1937 Surreal A back-formation from the arts movement founded by Guillaume Apollinaire. The word has been degraded to mere waffle.

1938 Nylon Trade name for polyhexa-methyleneadipamide, more economically called polymide. Coined by the Du Pont company.

1939 Walter Mitty An ordinary person who is the hero of vivid dreams and daydreams of adventures, as in Thurber's The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.

1940 Jeep Utility vehicle. Some say from G. P. general purpose. Proba-bly influenced by Eugene the nant force in Western art Jeep in Elzie C. Seger's comic between the wars. It followed strip Popeye.

weather lore that most of mankind has used for its chronology for most of its history. For modern linguistics is nearly a science — at least a

1941 Radar

A method of detecting the

position and velocity of an

object. Acronym of Ra(dio) Dietecting) a(nd) R(anging). It won the Battle of Britain.

1942 Robotics

The science of robots. A sci-

ence fiction word come to life.

Asimov's "Three Universal

Laws of Robotics" are accept-

1943 Dam Busters

Nickname for the 617 Squad-ron of the RAF, which de-stroyed the dams with bombs

that skimmed like ducks and

drakes, and flooded the Ruhr.

Bouncing bombs invented by

Barnes Wallis. Dam Busters

1944 Doodlebug

A nickname for the V-I. Buzz

Bomb or Flying Bomb. When

its fuel ran out, it fell. Give the

terror that flies by day a silly

1945 Tupperware Plastic containers sold at

home parties. The name sug-

gests Cupperware, but an

American moulding engineer. Earl Tupper, saw the light.

1946 Bikini

The beach garment was named for Bikini, an atoll in

the Marshall Islands, where

an atomic bomb test was

carried out in July.

name to disarm it.

pupped Ghostbusters etc.

ed as the rubric of SF.

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a new word can be calculated quite as accurately are meaningless outside those fields. as the harvests, inundations and frozen winters that were used to count the years before records and mass communication. Nevertheless, this is a highly subjective new system of chronology. Thousands of words are coined every year in English in its many national and regional dialects, and personal idiolects. Most of them, in

and country and western, with

1955 Lego Meccano. Coined by a carpenter from Danish leg godt "play

1956 Angry Young Man Overt or implicit reference to John Osborne's play Look Back in Anger, featuring the archetypal AYM, Jimmy Porter. Other AYMs were Colin Wilson, Kingsley Amis and John Braine.

1957 Psychedelic Of a drug, producing an expansion of consciousness through greater awareness. From the Greek words for "breath or soul" + "visible".

A vehicle that can travel across both land and water on a cushion of air invented by Christopher Cockerell.

A device that can emit a fierce, bright beam of light. Acronym of l(ight) a(mplification by the e(mission of) stimulated) r(adiation).

The most popular board game. You "scrabble" to pick your letter tiles. Alfred Butts, its inventor, first called it

A person or system that controls people's minds and lives. The dictator in Orwell's 1954, which also gave us the ambi-guities of Newspeak.

T(reaty) O(rganisation). Formed as counterbalance to the Evil Empire of the Soviet a London landlord.

1951 Discothèque French coinage, cf. biblio-thèque, for a record library. Then a place where records for dancing were played, thence

. 1952 Stoned Each generation invents its slang for "under the influence of drink/drugs". This came from the slangfield of US jazz. and means cannabis.

1947 Flying Saucer

Fanciful name given to various unidentified disc-shaped

objects reported in the sky. This prevalent modern myth

1948 Scrabble

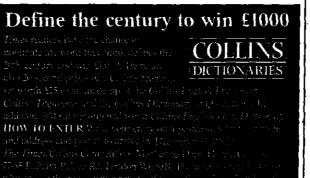
1949 Big Brother

1950 Nato

Acronym for N(orth) A(tlantic)

refuses to go away.

1953 Rock 'n' Roll Blend of rhythm and blues



exaggerated movements. Sexual metaphor: "My baby rocks me with one steady roll."

1954 Teddy Boy Rebellious youth, from the Edwardian styles they wore. especially the boys rightly fitted trousers and jackets. Tov bricks, successor to

1958 Silicon Chip A tiny wafer of semiconductor material. Hence Silicon Valley, the Santa Clara valley, SE of San Francisco, thick with microelectronic firms.

1959 Hovercraft

1960 Laser

1961 Catch-22 Heller's Carch-22 gave us this expression for a double bind. Pilots could be excused duty only if insane. But one who refused to fly was evidently

1962 Montezuma's Revenge Or the Aztec two-step. A jocular term for diarrhoea, "the trots".- Montezuma was the last Aztec emperor, murdered by Corres.

1963 Rachmanism Exploitation of slum tenants by unscrupulous landlords. Eponym of dishonour from Peter Rachman (1919-62), such

1964 Moog synthesiser An electronic musical instrument. Appropriate eponym of its inventor, Robert Moog.

1965 miniskirt A short skirt, starting at least 4 inches above the knees, symbolic of Swinging London in the Sixties, and associated with Mary Quant.

1966 Cultural Revolution A cultural and socialist movement in Communist China, to combat "revisionism". Cf. Red Guards and Mao's Little Red

1967 Pulsar A very small, extremely dense star which rotates very quickly and emits regular pulses of radio waves. Like Rowan At-kinson or Madonna. The word is a portmanteau of pul(sating) (st)ar.

1968 Fosbury Flop A high-jump technique invent-ed by Dick Fosbury. Instead of the straddle or Western roll, one clears the bar headfirst and backwards. 1969 Moon Buggy

century.

conclusion is sound: we preserve the present for the future every time that we open our mouths. From the Apoilo II moon landing Cf. splashdown and launchpad. Buggy was origi-

1970 Butterfly Effect Extreme example of Heisenberg's uncertainty principle. According to chaos theory, a butterfly flapping its wings in one part of the world can set in train a reaction which may

nally a horse carriage, then used for golf and babies.

1971 Workaholic One addicted to work. A portmanteau from work and alcoholic. The trendy suffix has produced shopaholic and chocoholic.

lead to a hurricane elsewhere.

1972 Watergate
The Watergate building in Washington DC contained the headquarters of the Democratic Party in the presidential election. Hence the burglary, Nixon's resignation, and derivatives such as Camillagate

and Squidgygate. The value-added tax, introduced by Anthony Barber. then Chancellor. An odious imposition intended to pick tax-payers' surreputiously. pockets

1974 Ceefax The first British teletext service. launched by the BBC. A whimsical coinage as if the viewer can "see facts".

1975 Fractal A swirling shape generated by a computer by repeating a simple mathematical formula on different scales. The Latin fractus means broken.

1976 Punk Rock Rock music with offensive lyrics and aggressive beat. Punk meaning "harlot" occurs in Measure for Measure.

1977 ERM The Exchange Rate Mechanism, for stabilising countries within the EU, so that they can

adopt the Emu or enjoy a Black Wednesday. 1978 Test-Tube Baby Vivid media coinage for the

medical term in vitro "in

glass". Louise Brown was the first egg fertilised in a lab. 1979 Rubik Cube Erno Rubik invented this infuriating puzzle of a cube seem-

ingly formed by 27 smaller cubes, uniform in size but of various colours.

1980 Solidarity English rendering of Solidarność, the independent trade union movement in Poland led by Lech Walesa, and officially banned in 1982.

1981 SDP Social Democratic Party, the short-lived breakaway from Labour founded by Roy Jenkins, David Owen, William Rodgers and Shirley Williams.

1982 CD The compact disc, which replaced gramophone records, vinyl, LPs and tapes, with long-lasting sound and collectable packaging.

1983 Aids A(cquired) I(mmune) D(eficiency) S(yndrome). Originally known as G(ay) R(elated) I(mmune) D(isease). Has become the Black Death of our

1984 Yuppie

Y(oung) U(pwardly mobile) or U(rban) P(rofessional): rich young professionals with more money than sense, characterised by red braces and bray.

1985 Glasnost

The general words selected draw a time chart

of a terrible and wonderful century. Some of the

words are already historical and obsolete, such

as Cheka and Labour Party. Choosing words of

the century is necessarily problematic. But the

Russian for "openness". Gorbachov's reforms, with perestroika (economic restructuring), were landslides that brought down the Soviet

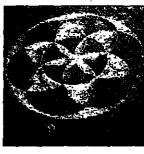
1986 Mexican Wave Narcissistic ripple created by spectators standing up in successive waves, waving arms, and then sitting down, From World Cup in Mexico.

1987 PEP A Personal Equity Plan, or Everyman a Capitalist by investing in British companies and being excused capital

gains tax. 1988 Acid House Funk-based, electronically edited disco music with hyp-

notic sound effects, associated with the drug Ecstasy. 1989 Velvet Revolution The swift and orderly transi-tion from dictatorship to de-

mocracy in Czechoslovakia. led by playwright and President Václav Havel. 1990 Crop Circle



Patterns such as rings appearing in growing cereal. Minitornadoes? Electromagnetics? Hoaxers? Perleese not aliens from outer space.

1991 Ethnic Cleansing euphemism for racial expulsion and massacre, as practised by Serbs, and in Rwanda and Zaīre.

1992 Clone Hello! Hello! Dolly! Dolly! But also stealing a cellular phone (clone) and giving it the same identity as an existing one.

1993 Information Superhighway Network of computers transferring digital information at high speed, and us into the Brave New World of Cyberspace.

1994 National Lottery Camelot is not King Arthur, but Mystic Meg, Anthea Turner, and two quid down the drain every week for each gambling-crazy Brit.

1995 Road Rage Aggressive, sometimes murderous, temper of a motorist towards another road-user, brought about by traffic congestion, envy and intolerance.

1996 Alcopop Alcoholic drink that tastes like a soft drink, unscrupulously created in order to attract children with sweet palates towards the hard stuff.

1997 Blairite Bambi, the Great Leader, tough and tender, caring but with a hard edge, the most popular leader in history at the cutting edge of waffle.

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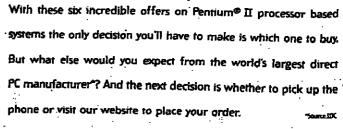
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Jiang admits to 'mistakes' on massacre

WHAT appeared to have come close to an apology for the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, made by President Jiang Zemin at Harvard University on Saturday night, could have serious implications for Chinese politics, not least for Li Peng, the Prime Minister and No 2 in the leadership, diplomats in Beijing said last night.

It was the unpopular Mr Li who signed the martial law

It was the unpopular Mr Li who signed the martial law order that sent troops and tanks into the square on June 4, 1989, to crush a mainly student-led pro-democracy movement, and it would be he who would be most vulnerable

Mr Jiang's astonishing remarks, that "mistakes" may have occurred, represent the first time a Chinese leader has publicly admitted that the crackdown could have been an error. His statement could also highlight the issue of hundreds of human rights activists languishing in Chinese jails and labour camps, among whom are Wei Jingsheng, nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, and Wang Dan, a former student leader.

Mr Jiang. 71, asked why he did not go out more to meet the Chinese people and about the violent suppression at Tiananmen, told his Harvard audience that he did go around meeting ordinary Chinese. He then said: "It goes without saying that naturally we may have had shortcomings and even make some mistakes in our work. However, we have been working on a constant basis to improve our work."

It was unclear whether Mr Jiang had undergone a Damascus-road conversion regarding the massacre or whether he was replying to a question in general terms. A diplomat in Beijing said: "It could be he misheard the question, but he is a seasoned political player and it is unlikely he would make such a mistake." He added: "He



could be making a calculated

move against Li Peng."

Days before, Mr Jiang provoked a protest from President Clinton when he said at a joint White House press conference that Beijing's decision in suppressing what it calls a "counter-revolutionary rebellion" had been correct. The action had ensured "political stability" and enabled the "reform and opening-up we have today". But President Clinton protested that, on human rights, China was "on the ware saids of history".

the wrong side of history".

On Saturday Mr Jiang admitted that, since his arrival in Hawaii, he had a better understanding of American democracy. "It is more specific than my previous understanding," he said, adding that he was aware of the noisy demonstrations for a free Tibet and free Taiwan. "Although I am 71, my ears work well and while I was giving my speech I heard voices from loudspeakers. The only thing I could do

was speak louder."

A Western diplomat said: "It could be that Jiang has taken in something during his visit. Maybe, after Clinton's lecture and the protests, he felt embarrassed by China's hardline position on Tiananmen."

Observers note that, since
A most children of China's top
It leaders have been educated in
America or Australia, they
presumably have had some
input at home on Western
attitudes towards Beijing's human rights record. Yesterday,

A near-apology by the President, left, could indicate a calculated move against Li Peng, China's No 2, James Pringle writes in Beijing

analysis recalled that, just before September's 15th Communist Party Congress, Zhao Ziyang, the former party chief, had called in an open letter for a review of the Tiananmen massacre. Mr Zhao was ousted at the time of the Tiananmen. Square demonstrations for appearing to sympathise with the student cause and cast out into the political wilderness.

Next to Mr Li, the Chinese leader most implicated in the massacre is Chen Xitong, the former Mayor and party chief of Beijing. He is being investigated for alleged corruption.

Mr Jiang's observations at Harvard come at a time of confusion in Chinese politics, with the apparent removal, at the recent party congress, of Qiao Shi, chairman of China's parliament and the leadership No 3 who, despite his security background, was seen as a relative liberal in the Chinese context.

Some envoys believe that

Mr Qiao is not accepting his demotion quietly. Mr Li could likewise be expected to fight any review of the Tiananmen massacre, in which hundreds of Chinese, mainly students, died. During Mr Jiang's absence, both Mr Li and Mr Qiao have received substantial exposure in the official Chinese press, indicating Mr Jiang's hold on power is not as absolute as was that of Deng Xiaoping, the architect of the economic reforms, who died in



A Romanian street girl in an outfit made of plastic bottles, caps and corks during a fashion show in Bucharest to raise money for 1,500 homeless children in the capital. The outfits, inspired by their daily lives, were made by the youngsters

Yeltsin pledge to heal dispute with Japanese

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RUSSIA and Japan yesterday pledged to resolve, by the turn of the century, a bitter territorial dispute which has left the two Pacific powers technically at war for the past 52 years.

Speaking in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk after an informal weekend meeting, President Yeltsin and Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, vowed to settle the thorny question of the Kurile Islands, thereby formally ending hostilities dating back to the Second World War.

The President and I have agreed to make maximum efforts to conclude a peace treaty by 2000," the Japanese leader said, after two days of talks interspersed by a fishing trip and friendly bear hugs from his Russian host. Mr Yeltsin said that the meeting was held in a "very good atmosphere" and vowed that Russia would make a greater effort to "understand Japan

and the Japanese people".
Russia badly needs Japanese investment to help it to bolster its economically depressed Far East, while Japan would like to tap into the huge natural resources of Siberia, particularly oil and gas reserves. Both nations are also eager to strengthen ties in the face of an increasingly powerful and strident China.

After the opening day of their talks, the two leaders unveiled their "Yeltsin-Hashimoto plan", which calls for cooperation in trade, energy and transport. The two sides have also promised to boost military relations by holding joint exercises. There will also be a hotline installed between Moscow and Tokyo.

However, the smiles, hand-

shakes and the pledge to end half a century of deadlock will come to nothing if the leaders are unable to make any genuine progress in tackling the Kuriles sovereignty issue. The four sparsely inhabited volcanic Pacific islands north

The four sparsely inhabited volcanic Pacific islands north of Japan were seized by Soviet troops on Stalin's orders in the closing days of the Second World War. Although the

islands provide Russia with rich fishing grounds and a useful passage point for submarines, they are among the most remote and neglected areas of the country. After an earthquake in 1994, Japanese rescue teams were the first to respond and most of the 20,000 inhabitants rely on Japan for supplies and access

to the outside world.

While no details emerged of what compromise may be achieved in the coming two years, the leaders and their aides were careful not to say anything that might antagonise nationalist forces at

Efforts to improve relations and resolve the territorial dispute will be handled jointly by Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, and Boris Nemtsov, the young Deputy Prime Minister.

Yesterday Mr Nemtsov avoided mentioning Russia's claim to the islands and emphasised that Moscow was anxious to encourage as much Japanese economic input into developing the Kuriles as possible. It is suspected that joint economic development, if successful, could lead to coadministration of the area.

The only detailed plan for settling the dispute has been put forward by Aleksandr Lebed, the Krernlin's former National Security Adviser. He suggested in September that the two sides could sign a treaty whereby the islands' sovereignty would be transferred to Japan if, after a 20-year trial period, the islanders voted for the change in a referendum.



Soroush: challeng to hardline cleric

Iranian President backs dissident against militant Islam

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULO

PRESIDENT KHATAMI of Iran has won a significant battle against Islamic hardliners by securing an exit visa for the country's leading intellectual dissident, who advocates less derical involvement in government.

After an intense behind-the scenes wrangle, Professor Abdol karim Soroush was allowed at the eleventh hour to fly to Cyprus to

address a conference on political Islam and the West. Professor Soroush, who studied at London University, said in Nicosia: "I am trying to give a new understanding of the content of Islam to make it more compatible with the age we

are living in."

In doing so, the mild-mannered philosopher is challenging what clergy insist is their God-given right to be the sole interpreters of Islam, an argument they use to justify their rule. "There cannot be any

official interpretation of Islam, there cannot be any official class of interpreter of Islam," the professor said, adding that the clergy should "make room for others to have and put forward their own

interpretations".

Professor Soroush, 52, has been dismissed from his teaching post at a research institute and banned from speaking at Tehran University, where one of his last lectures, attended by thousands, was disrupted by a mob of bearded street

bullies brandishing a noose. Most newpspapers dare not mention his name, let alone publish his articles. His passport was confiscated in July. Yet many of his 20 books remain bestsellers.

"He is making people think about the philosophical foundations of Islam and how people can wed Islam and democracy," said Dr Farideh Farhi, a lecturer in politics and international affairs at Tehran University. The Iranian Foreign Ministry had assured the organisers of the Cyprus conference that Professor Soroush would be able to attend. But others, said to be close to the office of the supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, objected even though Mr Khatami and the former President, Hashemi Rafsanjani, supported the professor. The President finally got his way, but only after the conference

had begun.
"You can take it as a healthy sign," said Professor Soroush, who said to be a personal friend, had played an important role in securing the return of his passport,

Things were looking up for intellectuals since Mr Khatami's surprise victory six months ago, but the President faced "formidable" challenges, said the reclusive professor, who has no political ambitions: "He knows what political freedom or intellectual freedom means, and he knows that there are many enemies there to restrict these

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Tears for Stalin's forest victims Baron leads

Richard Beeston in Sandormokh, northern Russia, sees relatives free for the first time to grieve at the mass burial site of 9,000 killed in the Great Terror

THE fresh snow muffled the steps of the elderly men and women as they held on to each other for balance and emotion-

al support.
When they saw the roughly hewn wooden crucifixes in the Karelian pine forest, the mourners halted. The women were the first to break. After decades of burying their grief. tears welled in their eyes. Some howled in pain. Others dropped to their knees on the ground where 9,000 of their fathers, brothers and uncles lay buried a few feet below.

Antonina Kurgopolov. standing where her father, stripped down to his underwear, was made to kneel in the snow and was shot once in the back of the head by an NKVD officer, was transported back 60 years to a night which still haunts her family.

Now 79 and accompanied by her sisters and brother, she vividly recalled the madness of Stalin's repression. "My father was a simple local policeman. One night there was a knock on the door. The men who came in knew him. They apologised for what they were doing, but explained that he was on the list that day. He did not resist, but went quietly. His death destroyed our family, but at least we can now come to his graveside."

The story of what happened in these forests in 1937 and 1938 is not unique. By conser-



A mourner at the site of the woodland graves

former Soviet Union. What makes this location exceptional is that the dead have not been forgotten.

After years of searching, volunteers for the Russian organisation Memorial located the killing ground this summer after a senior local police officer helped to track down the graves in secret government archives. The documents revealed that the dead included 1,111 inmates of the former prison on Solovetsky Island, where the cultural and intellectual elite of the 1920s and 1930s had been incarcerated, 4,500 prisoners used as slave labour on the White Sea Canal, a commercially useless waterway which cost the lives of 200,000 men

This week in cities across the number of those who died

Just as mourners were gathering last week to remember Stalin's slaughter, Communist deputies in the Duma, the lower house of parliament, passed a motion praising the

and women, and 3,500 local Karelians, rounded up at the height of the purges. The mourners reflected the diversity of the victims. Orthodox and Roman Catholic priests and Baptist ministers prayed beside the children of

Ukrainian intellectuals and leaders from Tartarstan. After the collapse of communism there was an initial flurry of interest in exposing the truth about Stalin's Great Terror. But then, through government apathy and lack of funds, little was done to lurks in every Russian family.

Although there are thou-sands of mass grave sites in Russia, only about a quarter have ever been identified, and in some regions local authorities, usually Communist-dominated ones, have deliberately hampered the efforts of those seeking to expose the past.

But that could be changing. The interest generated by the discovery of victims at Sandormokh led the local town of Medvezhegorsk, itself built by prisoners working on the White Sea Canal project, to create a museum devoted to those who died in Karelia. In the Urals a similar move is under way to preserve Perm 36, the last gulag to hold political prisoners in the Soviet Union, as a museum.

The efforts may be modest. but the importance of keeping the memory of the victims alive is more than simply an argument over history.

Russia, Communist diehards will unfurl their red banners, dust off their portraits of Lenin and Stalin and take to the streets to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Ask any of the marchers about Stalin's Great Terror and they are unapologetic. Western historians are blamed for inflating in the purges and Stalin's record is justified by the defeat of Nazi Germany and the discipline of Soviet life.



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A woman clutching photographs of one of the 9,000 victims of Stalin who were buried in a Karelian forest after being shot during purges in 1937 and 1938

Great October Socialist Revolution" and insisting that Bolshevik ideals were still "alive in the hearts of millions of compatriots".

In a country where economic reforms have impoverished millions and led to social chaos and criminalisation, the prospect, of another "hard man" returning order and self-respect to the nation is

he wrote in an article for the growing in appeal. weekly Obshchaya Gazeta. The danger of history re-"Instead of one dictator, we peating itself was spelt out in a have a million, the great pile of recent article by Aleksandr petty bosses, starting with Yakovlev, the former liberal traffic cops. The repressive adviser to Mikhail Gorb-

achev.

achev. "Power has not changed it has been eroded."

Auschwitz slaves' fight

close, a group of brave young women stole lion at Auschwitz. The uprising was doomed, but a crematorium was blown up

with homemade grenades. In early 1985, Baron Klaus von Münchhausen was holidaying in Israel when he met some of the would-be insurgents: Jewish women who had worked as slave labourers in the munitions factory. Weichsel Metall Union. They told him of their present poverty and their lack of recognition from the German Government. The young German er had died in the camp, took up their cause.

On Wednesday, a Bonn court will decide whether the 21 elderly, often infirm women have the right to a German pension. If the court rules in their favour, the issue of compensating slave labourers will be firmly on the political agenda.

Bonn can reckon on individual claims from at least 30,000 survivors. It is an expensive proposition, although not as high as the authorities calculate - the baron says that a fair settlement for all Third Reich slaves would probably come to around DM1.5 billion (E521 million) - and an embarrassing one. The authorities will have

to explain why, for more than 52 years, they have resisted paying out not only for slave labourers but also for other marginalised groups killed and tortured in the camps: Communists, Gypsies and homosexuals. Germany, to the outside

observer, seems to have made an exemplary job of coming to terms with its past. Over the years it has paid, in state-to-state agree ments, more than DMI00 billion in recompense. But open chequebooks do

not necessarily correspond to open hearts. It is not generally known how tough the negotiations have been to extract compensation from Germany. German



insured Auschwitz against fire damage. Degussa. which smelted Nazi gold. the banks which profited from Jewish confiscations, the car, steel and electronics companies that grew fat on slave labour — have been notably reluctant to dwell on their record during the Third Reich.

The whole system has been intent on denying the existence of the Union Girls" - as they call themselves. The baron ap-proached the successor of the munitions company, which now makes bicycle dynamos; it denied any link with the wartime firm.

The baron then turned to Bonn — legal suc-cessor to the Third Reich — and the trouble began. Slave labourers were prevented from making successful claims by the 1953 London Debt Agreement. which ruled compensation could be awarded only after a peace treaty had been signed. The baron argued that unification changed the situation. The courts seemed to agree.

Government lawyers had other objections slave labourers did not have proper work contracts; incrediabout whether the labourers were persecuted. Hearings were delayed for years.

Baron Münchhausen is

descended from the fabled 18th-century liar but he is an honest man. Germany, fortunately, has many such individuals and they are determined to give a face to the wartime victims.

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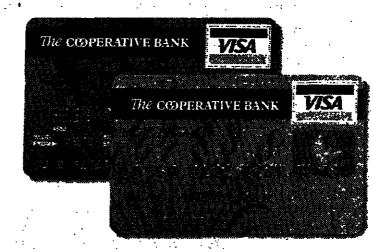
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Drivers reject deal and start blockade

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STRIKING French lorry drivers began blockading roads, border crossings and fuel depots across France yesterday after they rejected a partial deal hammered out at the last minute by union leaders and

some haulage bosses. Most rank-and-file drivers voted against the eleventhhour deal and the long-threatened strike swung into action. with scenes grimly reminis-cent of last year's conflict which paralysed the country for 12 days, severely affecting foreign hauliers and denting the French economy.

A marathon negotiating ses-sion, boycotted by both the UFT, the larger of the two employers' association, and the powerful Communist-led CGT truckers' union, ended yesterday morning with a tentative agreement on paper.

The outline deal, offering lorry drivers a 5 per cent wage rise, was rejected by most grassroots union members, who said it failed to go far enough. Many drivers receive only the minimum wage, amounting to £700 a month for 250 hours' work. One of the key union demands is for a aranteed minimum of £1,000 for 200 hours a month.

Strikers at the Petrole

d'Ambes fuel depot, one of the largest in France, publicly burned copies of the accord and vowed to continue a blockade indefinitely. "Last night saw some movement. but this was not sufficent to defuse the situation," said Roger Poletti, the fiery leader of the Force Ouvrière union. The UFT, representing 80 per cent of employers and most of the larger French haulage firms, also rejected the deal. The strike was due to go into effect last night, but many protesting truckers did not wait for a formal declaration and began blockading fuel depots at Rouen, La Rochelle, Sête, Lyons and Bordeaux even before the latest deal was

Since lorries are banned from French roads at weekends, the strikers instead used their cars to create the first traffic barricades. French police made no attempt to prevent the illegal blockades.

Union leaders said the strike action would aim to cause as little disruption as possible to motorists, and would instead target border points, foreign and French trucks, fuel stocks and road haulage companies. Traffic filters" on main roads, designed to allow cars to pass but not HGVs, are expected to cause serious traffic jams.

The queues that had been forming outside petrol stations over the weekend grew dramatically, amid reports that some stations were rationing fuel or had run out. Hundreds of French motorists drove across the Belgian border to stock up on petrol after stations in northern France ran dry. There were reports of panic-buying at supermarkets as people prepared for the

"long and tough action". On Saturday Lionel Jospin,

the Socialist Prime Minister. intervened in the dispute by announcing an £80 cut in the annual tax on lorries. M Jospin said that "the Government and the whole country expect an attitude of dialogue' from both sides.

☐ Help lines: Motorists planning to drive through France or caught up in the expected chaos can ring the following numbers set up by the police traffic-monitoring service: Rennes (North-West): 02 99 32 33 33:

Lille (North): 03 20 47 33 33; Metz (North-East): 03 87 63 33

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96 33 33; Marseilles (South-East): 04 9 78 78 78.

The Road Haulage Associ-ation in Britain has set up a hotline, manned from 10am to 5pm UK time during the strike. The number, from Britain, is 01932 841515.



Malcolm Chidgey, a British lorry driver, checks the latest road situation with his head office as he waits at the Calais freight terminal last night before deciding whether he could proceed to his destination in France



The Pope: had taken "an historic step"

Rome rabbi welcomes 'mea culpa'

Rome: The Chief Rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff, said yesterday the Pope's acknowledgement that Roman Catholics bore responsibility for the persecution of Jews over the centuries, including the Ho-(Richard Owen writes). He said it would have "an enormous resonance for the

Christian-Jewish dialogue". The Pope told a three-day international seminar at the Vatican on the "Christian Roots of Anti-Judaism", which ended on Saturday. that many Christians had failed to offer "spiritual resistance" to Nazi atrocities. This had contributed to the atmosphere in which the Holocaust, or Shoah, took place.

He also said that many in the Christian world, although "not the Church as such", had interpreted the New Testament erroneously and unjustly in an anti-Jewish spirit by blaming Jews for the death of Christ. He concluded that anti-Semitism was "to be con-

demned absolutely". In Jerusalem, Rabbi David Rosen said the Pope's "mea culpa", although important, did not go far enough.

In his All Souls Day address yesterday, the Pope made a point of recalling those who died in Auschwitz other concentration and

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Employers attack Prodi agreement with unions

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Italian Prime Minister yesterday described his Government's weekend deal with the trade unions on pensions reform as "a decisive step toward balancing Italian public finances, and towards entry into the European single currency". Hailing the agreement as "historic", Professor Roma-no Prodi said: "No one won and no one lost."

But employers and the centre-right Opposition de-nounced the package as the result of the "fine print" of Signor Prodi's emergency deal with his parliamentary hardline Communist allies two weeks ago. Confindustria. the employers' association, said Signor Prodi had bowed to Communist Refoundation's opposition to tough welfare cuts and ducked badly needed structural reforms.

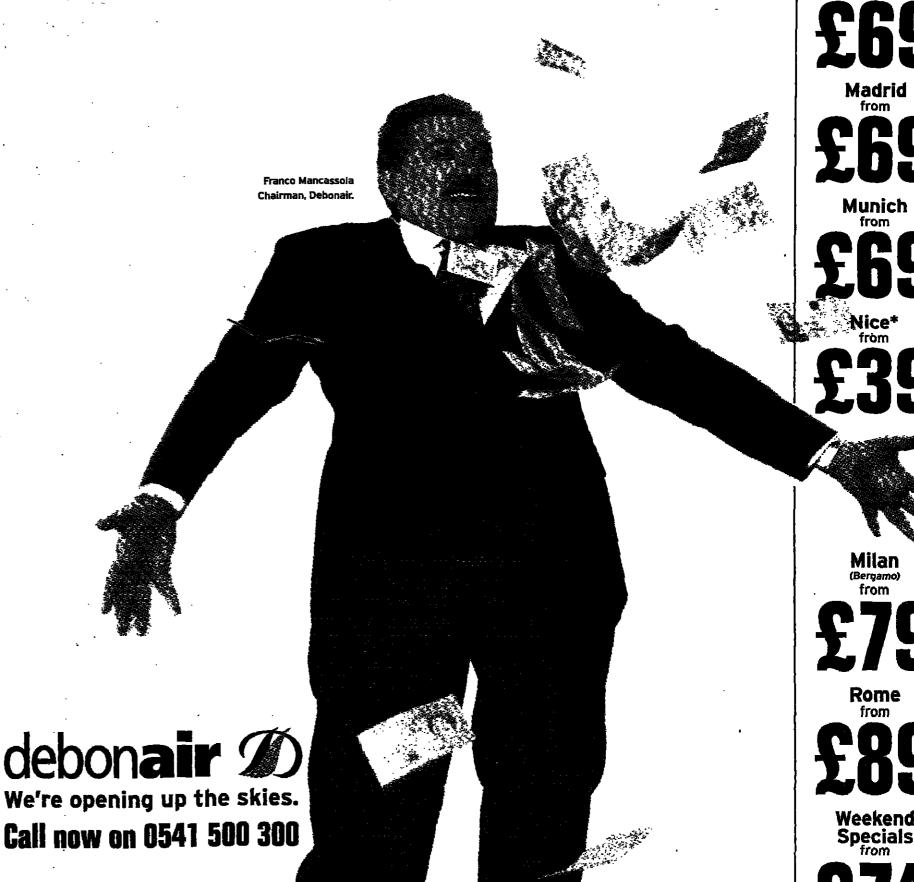
Silvio Berlusconi, the centre-right leader, said the deal had kept the Centre-Left in power at the price of longterm damage to the economy. Signor Prodi, whose lowerhouse majority depends on Communist Refoundation's votes, threatened to resign in September when the hardliners withdrew support for his draft 1998 budget.

But Communist Refoundation and the Centre-Left agreed to an eleventh-hour budget package which modified planned cuts in the bloated state pensions sector and incorporated Communist Refoundation's demands for a statutory 35-hour working week by 2001.

The deal announced yesterday aims to cut almost £1.5 billion from the pensions bill. The retirement age in the private sector rises from 53 to 54, and is to rise in stages to 57 after 1998. But blue-collar workers are exempted from pensions reform, a key Com-munist demand.

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Swiss Guard loses chief in pay crisis

By Richard Owen

THE Swiss Guard, the Pope's personal protection force, is facing a recruitment crisis because of low pay, and is having difficulty finding a new commander. Il Messaggero newspaper reported

yesterday. Colonel Roland Buchs, with the Swiss Guard for 20 years and its commander for 15. stepped down at the weekend, a month before his commission was due to end. Vatican officials denied there had been any "differences" and said Colonel Buchs — married with

five children - had taken 30 days' accumulated leave. But his premature depar-

ture leaves an embarrassing gap. During the summer ten potential commanders were interviewed, but all refused the job, allegedly because they felt they could not make ends meet. The commander's pay was known to be £12,000 a year when Colonel Buchs took over. The 120 guards themselves get £8,500 a year. They enjoy subsidised food and taxfree shopping within the walls

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Raids on Saddam backed in Congress

AMERICAN congressional leaders supported military force against President Saddam Hussein yesterday after three American members of a United Nations weapons inspection team were turned back when they arrived in Iraq on a flight from Bahrain. It was the second time the three inspectors had been ordered out. The White House accused Iraq of showing "blatant disregard for the UN Security Council.

Six non-Americans working for the UN Special Commission, charged with investigating Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, who were also on the plane, were allowed to reenter the country. Iraq, which has given all

American inspectors until Wednesday to leave the country, is now facing the possibiliof further airstrikes or Tomahawk cruise missile attacks unless it backs down. One fear is that Saddam has concealed a large stockpile of

Iraq has again raised the stakes

write James

Bone and Michael Evans

nerve agents that could be used for biological warfare. It is believed that the UN inspecstocks of VX liquid nerve agent - ten times more dangerous than the nerve gas sarin when Saddam announced the expulsions.

Trent Lott, the Senate Republican leader, said the US ought to take "whatever actions are neccessary" to force Saddam to comply with the UN resolutions. I suspect that something will have to be done relatively soon," he said. Asked if this could include



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Iraqi demonstrators tearing up an effigy of Uncle Sam in a protest in Baghdad at the weekend over the latest confrontation with the UN

military action, Newt Ging-rich, the House Speaker, said: Absolutely."

Appearing with Mr Lott and Mr Gingrich on the NBC programme, Meet the Press, Richard Gephardt, the House Democratic leader, said that the only thing Saddam seemed to understand was "action, and that's what's going to have to happen".

The White House said the

Security Council was contin-

uing to study the options after last week's Iraqi order for US members of the arms inspection team to leave.

Barry Torv, the deputy White House press secretary. said: "Iraq continues to show blatant disregard for the UN Security Council and its

In Baghdad, Iraqi officials American inspectors would not be allowed to scheduled to resume today. Vice-President Taha Yassin Ramadan said: "There will be no Americans inside Iraq [taking part) in inspections. There ruled out." is no retreat from our decision When the Americans arri-

The possibility of military action against Saddam has been given full backing by Britain, although Arab countries in the Gulf have shown little enthusiam. Yesterday a

until things are put in order."

said: "The UN Secretary-General has sent an envoy to Baghdad to try to resolve this matter, but nothing is being

ved yesterday at al-Habbiniya airport, about 60 miles northwest of Bahgdad, they were turned away in a polite way, a diplomat in Baghdad said. "As soon as the plane landed, they were asked to return to Bahrain," the diplomat said.

Richard Butler, the head of the UN arms inspectors, said last week that he would order his experts, including the Americans, to resume inspections today. He had halted the inspections after Iraq an-nounced the ban on the US members. Diplomats expect a showdown when UN inspectors in Iraq, including some of the seven Americans still in the country, resume field

Second Oklahoma bombing suspect on trial

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE second trial over the Oklahoma City bombing begins in Denver today with the defence brandishing the simple slogan: "Terry Nichols wasn't there."

Mr Nichols, 42, faces the

same charges as Timothy McVeigh, his former US army friend who was sentenced to death in June for the worstever terrorist attack on American soil. The trial is seen as a test of the Government's success in rooting out the threat from "home-grown" terrorists linked to the right-wing militia

movement.
Judge Richard Matsch has told jurors that, despite McVeigh's conviction, Mr Nichols begins his trial for conspiracy, murder and the use of a weapon of mass destruction with a "clean

No one disputes that Mr Nichols was at home in Kansas on April 19, 1995, when the blast destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City with the loss of 168 lives. Neighbours even report seeing him working in his backyard.

The prosecution insists, however, that Mr Nichols plotted that attack with McVeigh, and will present evidence that the two men used aliases to buy and store bomb-making materials to-gether, and robbed a quarry of explosives. At Mr Nichols' home, police found bombmaking equipment and a re-ceipt with McVeigh's finger-print for the purchase of 1,980lb of ammonium nitrate. the chemical to build the Oklahoma City bomb.

The defence team will try to convince the jury that Mr Nichols withdrew from planning the attack months before it was carried out and was tricked into lending McVeigh his blue pick-up truck. The defence seems prepared to argue that the attack was part of a conspiracy involving not just McVeigh but others still unknown. Defence witnesses are expected to testify they saw McVeigh with unidentified "John-Does" near Oklahoma

Christian Right takes shine off Republican golden girl



Whitman: damned for being "too liberal"

THE former Republican golden girl, Christine Todd Whitman, is struggling to hold on to her position as Governor of New Jersey as the countdown begins to tomorrow's local elections. Her re-election, once expected to

be a landslide, is too close to call, and is a symbol of the damage wrought by two years of vicious infighting within the Republican Party.

But overall in Tuesday's elections for a host of local and state positions across the country, Republicans look set for victory by returning to their traditional message of tax cuts. On campaign spending, they are also decisively outgunning Democrats, hamstrung by the campaign finance scandals, which have left the party with a \$15 million (£9 million) legal bill and have deterred big donors. A clean sweep of the biggest races



New Jersey's Governor could lose in local polls tomorrow, but across America tax-cut conservatives look set for victory, reports Bronwen Maddox in Washington

would give Republicans a boost ahead of next year's mid-term elections, when Democrats and labour unions plan an offensive to win back the House of Representatives.

Four years ago, when Ms Whitman ousted New Jersey's Democratic Governor, she was seen as a "poster girl" for the "Republican revolution", the backlash against President Clinton's chaotic early years in office. As she soared to prominence, she was talked about as a potential vice-presidential candidate, someone who could bring women voters back to the fold. But the vicious crossfire within her party, and the growing domination

of social conservatives, now threaten that glittering future. She has also been confronted at every stop by protesters from the Christian Right, enraged by her recent veto of a ban on the controversial method of "partial birth" abortion for late pregnancies. The latest polls give her about 40 per cent support, just two to four points ahead of an obscure

though she has cut New Jersey's taxes by a third since her election, voters appear sceptical that the state can afford it, and have been angered by rises in property taxes and car insurance. But, above all, her plight shows that her brand of aristocratic. moderate Republicanism has gone out of fashion. Like William Weld, who stepped down as Governor of Massachusetts only to find his bid for Mexican Ambassador blocked by his own party. Ms Whitman finds herself damned for championing policies that used to be in the party's mainstream but are now seen as "too liberal". Like Mr Weld, she is also resented for her privileged back-ground of fox-hunting, debutante balls and family estates.

Elsewhere, however, Republicans are expected to bring home decisive

victories. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has won widespread support for presiding over a plum-meting crime rate, is set for a landslide win over the earnest but plodding Ruth Messinger. In Virginia, James Gilmore now leads Democrat Don Beyer by 49 per cent to 40 per cent, according to the latest poll, since he promised a cut in the state's deeply unpopular annual

> thought was the high ground: abortion, education, affirmative action to help minorities. Then Mr Gilmore hit on the magic bullet: tax cuts. The apparent success of that formula — tax cuts, a dash of social conservatism and more tax cuts -bas been witnessed with delight by

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records and the stumps of long dead cedar trees have combined to reveal that a huge earthquake occurred nearly 300 years ago off the Pacific coast of North Ameri-

ca. This was a century before Europeans settled the area, and native Americans kept no records. But thousands of miles across the Pacific, the Japanese recorded a tsunami — an ocean wave — which swept ashore on January 27 and 28, 1700.

The Japanese team who dug up the records, led by Dr Kenji Satake of the Geological Survey of Japan.

could find no local earthquake able to account for them. Along a considerable stretch of the Japanese coast. waves up to ten feet high came ashore, doing sufficient damage to feature in Japanese historical records. This was a modest

tsunami, but what puzzled the Japanese team was that they were unable to identify the earth-

quake responsible. Tsunamis are caused by shifts in the sea floor, often as a result of earthquakes, and travel across the oceans at speeds close to 600 mph. They can be as tall as a five-storey building, and do immense damage: a Chilean tsunami in 1960 killed 5,000 in South America, travelled across the Pacific and killed another 61 in Hawaii and 150 in Japan.

Last January, the Japanese team reported in Na-ture that they believed the origin of the 1700 tsunami to be the Cascadia subduction zone, where the small Juan de Fuca plate (a slab of crust about the size of England) slides below the North American plate along a 600mile fault stretching from

ern California. From the size of the tsunami, they estimated that it had been caused by an earthquake of magnitude nine on the Richter Scale - a really huge one for an area known to be subject to earthquakes but with no seismological records of any

quakes greater than five. Now a team from the University of Washington has added some corroboration. They examined wood from long dead trees in the tidal wetlands along 60 miles of the subduction zone, and used tree-ring dating to try to discover exactly when they had died.

rings on the trunks of the trees, but the roots gave more precise dates. In seven out of eight, the final formed in 1699 and detailed examination

pinned down the time of death even more exactly,

to the months between the end of the 1699 growing season in August and the beginning of the 1700 season in May.

"We are saying this huge earthquake really hap-pened," says Dr David Yamaguchi, leader of the team, which reports its resuits in the current issue of Nature. The trees give no idea of the magnitude of the quake, but the isunami does. By converging on January 1700, the dates mean that Canada and the northwestern United States are plausibly subject to earthquakes of magnitude nine," the team concludes. Very few earthquakes this powerful have occurred anywhere in the world this century. But if the analysis is right, it may be that "the Big One" is not going to hit Los Angeles

after all, but further north.

Canada may Twins prove life's a script face the

Research on twins by Lawrence Wright suggests that our identity is stamped on us from conception

wins threaten us because they undermine our notion of identity. We think we are who we are because of the life we have lived. We think we shape the character and val-ues of our children by the way we raise them.

We think that we are born with the potential to be many things, and to behave in an infinite variety of ways, and that we consciously navigate a path through the obstacles and opportunites that life presents us, through a faculty we call free will.

But when we read about twins who have been separated at birth and reunited in middle age only to discover that in many respects they have become the same person, ir suggests that life is a charade. The science of behavioural genetics, largely through studies of twins, has made a persuasive case that much of our identity is stamped on us from concep-

tion - all we have to do is to

live out the script that is written in our genes. Take divorce. It is well known that children of divorced parents are somewhat more likely to become divorced themselves. They do less well in school and they tend to have more discipline problems. The cause and the effect appear to be obvious and entirely environmental: children who have watched their parents' relationship fail have

nd yet, divorce also looks like a genetic disease. It runs in families. If an identical twin gets divorced, the chances that his co-twin will become divorced is about 45 per cent; for fraternal twins. the chances drop to 30 per

not learnt the skills to create a

good marriage of their own.

That difference strongly suggests a genetic component to the risk of divorce. And, in This is despite the fact that the feature of the shared

"Children whose parents divorce differ genetically from siveness and neurotic behaviour. Genes that create havoc in the parents' lives are likely to do the same in the lives of

But when geneticists focus



Fred and Frank Cox in Islington, North London — identical twins are the subject of a large-scale American study at the University of Minnesota

A chance reading of a newspaper article in 1979 led to perhaps the most extensive study of twins in the world at the University of Minnesota. Twins of all nationalities participated in the research, which is still under way

PROFESSOR Thomas J. Bouchard was sitting in his office at the University of Minnesota when one of his graduate students came in with the Minneapolis Tribune. "Did you see this fascinating story about these twins who were reared apart? You really ought to study these."

Bouchard began to read the story. James Springer and James Lewis. born in Ohio in 1939, were brought up believing that their identical twin had died at birth. The adoptive mother of James Lewis learnt the truth by accident when she returned to court to complete adoption.

As the years passed, Lewis wondered about his brother but

Reared apart, but their lives were identical

hesistated to contact him, afraid of "stirring up problems". Eventually, curiosity overcame him.

Bouchard thought it was odd enough that both were named James, but it was uncanny that each man had married and divorced a woman named Linda, then married a woman named Betty; each had

owned a dog named Toy. Both enjoyed carpentry and mechanical drawing and had spent family holidays on the same beach in Florida. They were each oft tall and weighed 180lb. Within an hour of reading the article, Bouchard excitedly persuaded university officials to

provide some grant money to study the Jim twins.

On the morning the tests were due to begin, Bouchard took the twins to breakfast. He intended to brief them on the study, but he became obsessed with little details about them: the way that each twin picked up his knife, for instance. Bouchard was staggered by the similarity of their gestures, their voices and the

morphology of their bodies. These men had lived entirely separate lives, and yet if Bouchard closed his eyes he couldn't tell which

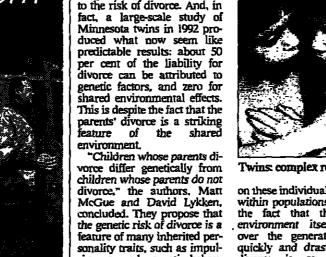
twin was talking. Both men had elaborate work-

shops where they made miniature picnic tables (Lewis) or miniature rocking chairs (Springer); each followed stock-car racing and hated baseball. Their wives told the Minneapolis researchers that both Jims were romantics who left love notes around the house, but they were also anxious sleepers who ground their teeth at night and bit their nails to the quick.

THE Jims had parallel health histories. Both had high blood pressure and had experienced what they thought were heart attacks, although no heart disease had been diagnosed; both had had vasectomies; both suffered from haemorrhoids; both

had "lazy eye" in the same eye. The measurable features of their personalities, such as sociability. tolerance, conformity and self-control, were all so similar that they









on these individual differences within populations, they miss the fact that the cultural environment itself changes over the generations, often quickly and drastically, and divorce is an interesting example.

Obviously, divorce is going to be more frequent in a society where the laws permit it: it is also likely to occur more often in a highly sexualised culture where little social stigma is anached to failed marriages, and where more couples are choosing not to have children. Granted that some individuals may be genetically more prone to divorce, this changed environment acts as a powerful

╮o what extent, then, can we really say that genetic or environmental factors create divorce? We all know that it is easier and more acceptable to be divorced these days in most Western countries, and therefore divorce rates will be higher than in the past or in other cultures.

Powerful environmental factors, such as religion, can also hold in check presumed generic vulnerabilities. Perhaps we make changes in our culture in order to give expression to our genetic longing, whether it be for good or ill.

The point is that, even at this larger level, genes and the environment interact in a Way that makes it difficult, and rather arbitrary, to parcel out percentages based on heritability correlations. Moreover, the entire process of evolution is one of genes adapting to the environment

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Secrets – and a sense of power



When Alfred Kinsey's Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male was published in 1948 it provoked a social revolution. Today The Times begins serialising a new biography by James H Jones which reveals that Kinsey was a bisexual who used his methodology to justify his own sexuality

was riding high. From his timorous beginnings as an obscure researcher, he was now the head of his own research institute which enjoyed the backing of the Rockefeller Foundation. But his financial backers had taken on more than they knew. In Kinsey. they thought they had found a metric-minded, Baconian scientist. They saw him as an instrument, a collecting machine who would compile the data others would use to develop social policies and programmes designed to con-trol human sexual behaviour. Instead, they had been coopted by a genuine revolutionary, a man who intended to use science to attack Victorian morality and to promote an ethic of tolerance.

Sex research was Kinsey's mission, a grand cause that filled his every waking moment. People who visited Kinsey during the 1940s encountered a secular priest, a man whose laboratory was his temple. It was not so much that he preached, which of course, he did. Rather, it was the strength of his messianic impulse, the sense of urgency that filled his voice. Sex research had given this chronic do-gooder a new way to do good, and he attacked it with religious fervour.

The essence of Kinsey's gospel was simple: sexual morality needed to be reformed, and science would show the way. If people knew the facts about human sexual behaviour, he reasoned, one day they would jettison attitudes that had put them at war with their nature and embrace values that treated sexual desires as healthy

To provide this data, Kinsey divorce science from morality. studying sex with the same brought to their hard sciences. In the early 1940s, Kinsey set his goal at 100,000 histories. This was an astounding fig-ure. No one in the history of sex research had approached this number. In fact, no previous survey had compiled more than a few hundred case

Early in 1941 Kinsey hired Glenn V Ramsey, an educational psychologist.



There is no evidence that

Ramsey knew about Kinsey's private sex life. Not that Ramsey was unusual in this regard. In the years ahead most of the people who worked for Kinsey did not have a clue. Within the staff that knowledge would always be restricted to a handful of close associates whom Kinsey swore to secrecy, both with regard to what they had learnt about his sex life and what

they learnt about each other's. As a result of his experiences in training Ramsey. Kinsey felt he had a better idea of what to look for in interviewers. "What is more important than academic equipment is personality, sincerity and an abundantly sympathetic viewwrote in June 1942.

At a minimum, Kinsey expected interviewers to be nonjudgmental. What he really wanted, however, were individuals who were accepting.

> 'He could have blown up the US socially and politically'

both of others and of themselves. To learn whether appli-cants were "sex shy" Kinsey required them to submit to an interview. "I need a sexual history from the person under consideration and long contact with him in order to become acquainted with his attitudes

Last but not least, Kinsey was an absolute fanatic on the subject of confidentiality. Exquisitely vulnerable himself, he understood that the majority of human beings at one time or another had done or fantasised about things of a sexual nature they did not wish revealed. Whether significant or trivial, these hidden truths needed to be discovered if science had any hope of mapping human sexuality. And that was why confidentially had to be preserved at all costs. Without it, subjects

would fear betrayal. Yet in reflecting on what he called Kinsey's "basic rock-like integrity" a close friend re-marked: "I think he liked secrets and that their possession gave him a sense of power." Over the years, the friend continued, Kinsey interviewed "political, social and business leaders of the first rank". Had he been inclined to

reveal what he had learnt,

"Kinsey could have blown up the United States socially and

Kinsey had a preference for co-workers with certain be-havioural items in their historwas a definite plus, as Kinsey identified with any man who had this in his record. In fairness to Kinsey, however, he was willing to hire hetero-sexuals with little or no homosexual experience, provided they were not homophobes.

Given his agenda. Kinsey encountered the ideal candi-date in Wardell Pomeroy. In 1941, Kinsey delivered a lec-ture in South Bend, Indiana, where Pomeroy worked as a psychologist for the Depart-ment of Public Welfare.

Pomeroy hung around after the lecture to chat, and Kinsey did what he always did: he asked Pomeroy to contribute his sex history. A day or two later Pomeroy arrived at Kinsey's hotel for an early morning appointment. What hapnext was vintage Kinsey. Upon entering, Pom-eroy was surprised to find his host undressed and shaving in front of the mirror. Ordinarily, Kinsey kept his appoint-ments with military punc-tuality, so there was something odd about his not being ready. The suspicion lingers that he wanted to be caught in the nude, perhaps for the delight he took in shocking others or perhaps because he was making a sexual overture. Pomeroy, of medium height, with dark, wavy hair. was handsome enough to be a movie star, and had an engaging personality.

fter Kinsey apologised for running late, he got dressed and the interview began. Pomeroy was imressed by the dent Kinsey's technique. "I found myself telling him things I had never dreamt of telling anyone else," Pomeroy later wrote. When we were finished," he continued, "Kinsey told me he was impressed by my attitudes about sex. I appeared to be relaxed, he said, and without fear or unwarranted mod-

But then Pomeroy was not a modest man, least of all where sex was concerned. Close friends described a man of magnetic charm and a prodigious sexual appetite, utterly relentless in his pursuit of partners of both sexes, though with a decided preference for women. In February 1943, Pomeroy reported for work in Bloomington and his wife and children arrived a few weeks later. Kinsey put Pomeroy to work as soon as he had memorised the interviewing code. As Pomeroy gained experience and improved his interviewing technique, Kinsey



gradually exposed him to individuals whose histories presented "special challenges", including prostitutes, sex offenders and underworld fig-

By contrast, Vincent Nowlis was a wartime hire who did not remain long on Kinsey's staff. A man of brilliant intellect, first-rate academic credentials and a firm commitment to research, he arrived in Bloomington in

June 1944, accompanied by his wife and their two young sons. Many years later, he would recall that Pomeroy was constantly engaging in sexual banter. Then, too, there was the issue of Kinsey's inordinate interest in the private lives of the staff members. "Kinsey would often talk to me about the sexual activity of others on the staff," Nowlis revealed. Nevertheless, he had no inkling that Kinsey or anyone else on the staff might be gay, let alone that they might be having sex with one

About six months after he oined the staff, however, Nowlis's innocence came to an abrupt end. In October 1944, Kinsey, accompanied by Clyde Martin, Pomeroy and Nowlis, made a trip to Ohio, where they collected histories from juvenile delinquents.

n the course of one such interview, Nowlis became visibly nervous and broke out in a sweat, unable to disguise his distaste for the subject's behaviour. Word of his reaction got back to Kinsey, who apparently decided that the time had come to "educate" him. That evening Kinsey asked him to come to his hotel room, where Martin and Pomeroy had already assembled.

tense and sombre when he related what had happened. Describing what he considered a blatant sexual overture,

Nowlis declared: "Kinsey definitely seemed to be setting up some kind of homosexual activity." As near as Nowlis could tell, his boss was offering to provide "seductive instruction" that would involve "learning plus pleasure". At the time, he recalled, only one thought was racing through his head: "Jesus, I'm getting out of here!"

At this point, Nowlis politely declined, bolted for the door, and retreated to his room. Too upset to sleep, he spent the night pondering what to do. By sunrise he had made up his mind to leave Kinsey's staff.

● Alfred C Kinsey A Public/Private Life by James H Jones, published on November 12 (Nor-

Kinsey and the gay crowd

his last class of the week. mington on a new kind of field trip.

Up to this point, his collection of sex histories

consisted of interviews with college students, family members and friends. Yet, even within this small circle, he had managed to concentrate on certain groups by spreading the word that he would be sexual problems or individuals who considered themselves on the margins. Kinsey was eager to target more specialised histories still. Now, awaiting him in had promised introductions to the city's gay

His quarry was a group of young homosex-They got lived together in him into boarding house on Rush Street, a district filled with cafes parties where people drank coffee into the early hours of the nightclubs morning. Because a friend

of the group had vouched for him, the young men were willing to be introduced to Kinsey and to

hear him out. Overall, things went well. Still, it was difficult to put aside the habits of a lifetime. Kinsey had to use all his powers of persuasion to combat their fears. He assured them that he would never divulge their confi-dences, all the while stressing that whatever they toldhim would benefit science. Nevertheless, his harvest of interviews was relatively

meagre. Near the end of June, he returned to Chicago for a second visit. When not interviewing, Kinsey concentrated on making contacts, as he realised that friendship networks would carry him ultimately to all parts of the city, yielding a bonanza of sex histories.

tell a friend that penetrating Chicago's gay community had largely been a matter of building up many friendships which bring introductions to their friends". "Snowball interviewing" was the term that social scientists applied to this method. As a means of securing histories, it worked well, but would the

tion? Time would tell. During the fall term.

Kinsey picked up where he had left off in the summer, returning to Chicago as often as his busy teaching histories remained the official reason for his visits. Kinsey spent much of his time observing gay life. The Rush Street boys now accepted and trusted him. They outdid one another finding ways to assist him. Serving as his private guide to their hidden world, they introduced him to their friends, got him into gay parties, accompanied him to the theatre, walked him through the city parks and public urinals where gay men "cruised" in search of

> through the net-They paused long enough at each spot for Kinsey to establish contacts that ensured that a new group of men would start the process all over

anonymous sex, and ush-

anyone who did not know better would have thought Kinsey was socialising, not

In truth, Kinsey was socialising Each trip back to Chicago increased his fascination with gay life. He liked what he saw. As a man who had kept his homoerotic desires locked in the closet, he was thrilled to find a colony of men who had the courage to be openly, unabashedly "gay", if only with each other.

FROM firsthand knowledge and from the histories he had taken to date. Kinsey understood the selfloathing, confusion and pain that was the lot of many homosexuals. The Rush Street subjects, however, showed him a world that provided a haven from social isolation and psycho-Within a year, he would logical marginality, a hidden community where group acceptance could magically transform pariahs into human beings. In a society that spurned them, they were somehow managing to laugh, to dance

> From them, Kinsey got his first intimate view of gay life. It warmed his heart.

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ike most people who bought Elizabeth David's books, I never really thought about where she came from or what she looked like. She wrote with such sureness and authority that she seemed to have sprung, fully armed with her own *batterie de cuisine*, from a casserole washed up on the shores of the Mediterranean.

This authority was, in part, a protection. While she was as keen as any author for her work to be recognised, she resisted all attempts to turn her into a celebrity. She rarely gave interviews, insisting that everything that mattered was already in her books.

In them, she gave generous tribute to her early influences: sometimes people, such as the French family with whom she boarded while a student in Paris, and later Norman Douglas, who inspired her more than anyone else. Often she wrote about books. One of the first she came across was Hilda Level's The Gentle Art

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etable purées, desserts scented with cinnamon and rosewater and, for someone young and keen, they provided an intoxicating stimulus. "At the age of 19," Elizabeth wrote, "one is better off having a stab at Mrs Leyel's marrons glacés in half an hour than learning that the real confection involves 16 separate processe

Yet so much of the young Elizabeth David is not in her books. When she was 20 and learning stagecraft at the Oxford Playhouse in the early Thirties, a cousin recalled that she could not do much more than open a tin of potatoes. Her mother, then in Jamaica, worried about her diet: "I do hope you will try at least to eat nourishing food even if not appenising, as only good food will keep you fit and strong for good work - and if you want to get some Bovril and some plain chocolate, please do so: that French Marmite, if you can get it, is nice ..."
Yet Elizabeth did not want

to live on chocolate and Bovril. pes ran towards exquisite veg- making many mistakes along

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Guests arriving in Elizabeth's kitchen would find fresh bread, olives, a pat of butter on a white plate, and an open bottle of wine. She sat with her back to the oven, savouring the conversation

the way ("I still remember picking red chillies out of 151b of plum chutney") and developed a life-long taste for buying old cookery books. By the time she reached Egypt, in 1941, she had mastered the basics, and was familiar with Mediterranean cookery. She found a job running the Ministry of Information reference library, and in 1943 she met Captain Anthony David.

He was a cavalry officer in the Indian Army: a good rider, a skilful mixer of cocktails, and he was mad about her. They married in September: 1944, and the letters he wrote to her from Italy give a vivid idea of their life together. "I'm longing to do things with you again, to dance like we did at the Carlton, and go to parties and hear people say how nice you look, to stay at home and mix the drinks while you are giving some unfortunate hell in the kitchen for boiling the artichokes too long. And then

had one for a week They separated in 1949, just as Elizabeth's career was taking off. In later years, she seldom talked of him; and if someone plucked up the courage to ask, she would restrict herself to such remarks as "he had the most beautiful pol-

With every article and every

to have you erupt from the kitchen and demand your

drink as though you hadn't

to ensure that every leaf was properly coated in oil." Another remembered an impromptu dinner, at which all the company was pretty tight. Elizabeth found a chicken in the fridge, dropped it, picked it up, and started hacking it with a cleaver, all the while smoking a cigarette. here were sniggers about how inedible it

book her reputation grew; and

those who had the good for-

tune to sit at her table took

note of what they saw and ate.

One friend was astonished to

see her plunging her hands

into the bowl to toss a salad:

"She said it was the only way

would be. Within minutes she had it easoned and under the grill, and it emerged succulent. Normally, her meals were

prepared with more care. Most of the work was done in advance, in solitude; yet those who did see her were impressed by the economy of effort with which she chopped an onion or kneaded bread. She rose early, at four or five

the morning, and did much of her writing in her big, white bed. At her side was a Thermos of black instant coffee. By late morning she had done her writing for the day, which was why, for her, lunch was the meal over which to relax and see people, friends. Guests arriving in her kitchen would

find fresh bread, olives, a pat of butter on a white plate, and an open bottle of wine. She would sit at her table with her back to the old gas cooker, occasionally leaning round to glance into the oven, but never losing the thread of the conversation - for conversation, and being with her friends, were important to her.

When the food was ready, it appeared in the earthenware dishes it had cooked in and was served on plain white plates. Elizabeth ate very little and could happily while away the afternoon, sitting in the once the meal was over. Like Norman Douglas, she was much attached to that "natural and jovial function to which a dining table is consecrated", deplored

haste in rising. Would she have wanted a biography? Over my dead body, she replied when a friend suggested it; yet the archive she left in the hands of her friend and literary executor, Jill Norman, implies that she knew it would be written. She would not have wished to see it; but at least the author would have no excuse for not getting the facts straight.

If there was one thing Elizabeth David could not abide, it was inaccuracy. Artemis Cooper is currently working on the authorised biography of Elizabeth David.

RECIPES THAT HOOKED A NATION

Turkish Stuffing for a Whole Roast Sheep

2 cups partly cooked rice; I dozen cooked chestnuts l cup currants; l cup shelled pistachio nuts; salt; cayenne pepper: l teaspoon ground cinnamon; 40z (120g)

Chop the chestnuts and the pistachio nuts finely, mix the other ingredients. Melt the and cook the stuffing in it gently, stirring until all the ingredients are well amalgamated. It can also be used for chicken and turkey. Elizabeth maintained that John Lehmann accepted Mediterranean Food for

publication because of this recipe. Some time after the book appeared she learnt that his reader, Julia Strachey, had been so entranced by the impracticality of a stuffing for a whole sheep when the meat ration was only a few ounces a week in postwar Britain that she persuaded him to publish on the strength of it.

them and steam them until soft. Sieve them. Add 11b

Apricot Cheese Halve the apricots, stone

of the stones are cracked and hehhe slemesi e apricots when sieved. Blanched split almonds can be used instead of apricot

(450g) sugar to every pint

(550ml) of pulp. Cook, stir-

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cheese, or mixed with

fool for the winter. The

flavour is even better if a few

whipped cream to make a

edges. Store in jars.

Cinnamon lee Cream

kernels.

Put 1 pint (550 ml) double cream, 4 oz (120g) white sugar and 4 oz (10g) powdered cinnamon in the top half of a double boiler, or in a bowl fitting into a deep

Heat over gently simmer-ing water. Beat together, preferably in a blender, 4 egg yolks and 2 pint (280ml) milk. Amalgamate the two mixtures, and continue the steady cooking until you have obtained a fairly thick custard. Strain into a deep jug or bowl. Chill in the refrigerator before freezing. Suleiman's Pilafi (one of the most comforting dishes imaginable)

Into a thick pan put three or four tablespoons of good dripping or oil, and when it is warm put in two cupfuls of rice. Stir for a few minutes until the rice takes on a transparent look. Then pour over about four pints (2.251) of boiling water and cook very fast for about 12 minutes. The time of cooking varies according to the rice but it should be rather under

than overdone. Meanwhile, have ready a savoury preparation small pieces of cooked mutton, fried onions, raisins, currants, garlic, tomatoes and pine nuts, if you can get them, or roasted almonds, all sautéed in dripping with

plenty of seasoning. Put your strained rice into thick pan and stir in the meat and onion mixture, add a little more dripping if necessary, and stir for a few minutes over a low flame before serving.

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the site during the rest of the year. The range of writers this year included Alfred Kazin, Wallace Shawn and Richard Ford from the United States, Nawad L. Sadawi (Egypt), Jamaica Kincaid (Antigua), Sten Nadolny (Germany), several Brits including Redmond O'Hanlon and Geoffrey Moor-house, Canadians including Ma-vis Callant Colon Teilbirg from vis Gallant, Colm Toibin from Ireland, Kate Grenville from

Each writer reads for half an

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hour on stage. All billings are equal. Greg wants the writers to become a collegiate body over that likely as a literature festival. week and from their eyries in the spectacular Harbourfront Hotel, which challenges the US across 50 miles of lake, the writers are marshalled to hospitality rooms and restaurants, rather like a private army conducted with velvet efficiency under the iron will of

It always comes back to Greg. In his early forties, of average height, built like a Sherman tank, with delivery like a Gatling gun, Greg is a crusader for modern literature wherever it is written, a man with a mission in a country which provokes in him an abrasive pride. would not be surprised to discover that he had his share of enemies, especially on his home turf where he has had to fight year

A few weeks before I arrived at this year's festival he ruffled feathers by the tight demand he put on the public availability of writers whom he had shipped in demands which you could well understand if you've ever tried to run a ship. But the murmurs of foes are overwhelmingly drowned by the recognition everywhere that Greg Gatenby is the business and Toronto has become a world

He is the eldest of a Catholic

family who converted himself to great literature as a teenager. beginning to read serious matter. as he says, "for sex". In the library he sought out Lolita and D.H. Lawrence for excitement and then tracked down Joyce because



which described it as "the most obscene novel of the 20th century". Greg was after it. The local library did not have Ulysses but it did have trait of the Artist. This for Greg him going is a mission to record. was an epiphany. Literature As a 24-year-old he was devastated

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became his agenda. He is clearly a man driven and the fuse was lit by that transfer from an early religious upbringing. through works of sexual excitement into literature. When I interviewed Greg I got the whole shooting match. He loves telling stories and loves interweaving politics with social trends, vivid statistics and the works and lives of writers. His talk is shot through with excellent quotes (The harder I work the luckier I get" - Mark Twain), odd but germane statistics "Harbourfront makes \$3 million profits a year from car parking") and, most of all, stories, always fond and entertaining, of the writers who have been drawn to

to discover, when a leading Canadian writer died, that there was no record of him reading from his own work. How Greg has reme-

arbourfront in the past 18 years under his direction has amassed almost 3,000 sound tapes and a rapidly increasingly number of videos of writers. It is already a unique archive which can only grow in value. And the fact that these recordings are taken from live performances — Greg emphasises gives the work a rare context because you have the audience too, also a record of the times, what they laugh at, what they applaud. He is a man who knows how to

run things and enjoys doing it well. Typically, when at university, he also became manager of his local coffee house, turning it round and giving himself the business experience which made him seem a commercial genius when he landed up in the rentative and gentle world of Canadian arts 20

His devotion can be illustrated by the way in which, just a year or two into the job, he combed Canada for older authors whose work had not been recorded and put it down on tape. He was convinced that "Canada needed a cultural history. I'd been brought up thinking that writers grew in other countries like oranges."

His market cuteness is illustrated by his hunch that a festival, an event, would with luck bring together those inside and those outside his country in a fusion which would attract publicity and funds and be attractive to the writers themselves. He made it work.

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Mistresses of the universe

David Sinclair watches in awe as the Spice Girls bring their campaign for global domination to South Africa

ike villains in a James Bond movie, pop groups often seem nell-bent on achieving world domination. But no Bond villain — or pop group for that matter - has ever pursued that goal with quite the same unswerving dedication and swift success as the Spice Girls.

South Africa's turn to get spiced up. After meeting Nelson Mandela and the Prince of Wales, the Girls made a fleeting appearance towards the end of a long and frankly tedious charity gala concert in Johannesburg Stadium on Saturday night. The crowd responded with genuine enthusiasm as the Girls ripped through just three numbers (sung live to backing tapes) their current single Spice Up Your Life, Say You'll Be There and Wannabe — and then disappeared amid a storm of fireworks, leaving the South African superstar Lucky Dube playing to a markedly deplet-

The Girls were then taken by helicopter to the Sun City resort where the following greet session for 165 competition winners who had been flown in from 19 countries for a brief encounter with their idols. Naturally, a massive amount of media coverage was generated by this necessarily brief encounter. However, the South African trip is merely one more plank in a global marketing campaign of unprecedented dimensions for a group at such an early stage

in their career. In the past five weeks the Spice Girls have visited Granada, Delhi, Singapore, Tokyo, Cologne, Paris. Istanbul and even London. It is not a tour in the conventional sense (all that starts next year) but a round of promotional activities designed to consolidate the Spice Girls position as the most ubiquitous pop group on the planet.

And it is working.
Put simply, there is not a single territory in the world where Western pop music is sold in significant quantities in which the Spice Girls are not one of the biggest, if not the biggest selling act today. Other pop artists, notably the Beatles, Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson, have achieved a comparable level of global success but only over a much longer period of time.

Success on such a grand scale was always the goal of the Spice Girls' 36-year-old manager, Simon Fuller, a somewhat shadowy figure who, thanks to the Spice Girls, has rewritten the book of pop

marketing.
Fuller is the driving force behind the unprecedented which the Spice Girls have also become known. The Spice Girls endorse Pepsi, Sony PlayStations, Polaroid cameras and Impulse deodorant. As well as their own dolls. their name is linked with everything from clothing to chocolate bars, bed linen to crockery, crisps, biscuits and balloons. And today sees a further saturation of their image with the launch of 40 Spice Girl taxis in London.

While everyone plays trib-ute to Fuller's extraordinary chutzpah, the same siren voices that once said the Spice Girls would never make it in the first place now argue that the naked commercialism of this approach suggests a grabit-while-it's-going strategy, an admission, if you like, of the group's short shelf-life.

In fact the opposite may wel be true. According to Fuller's legal expert and right-hand man, Gerrard Tyrrell, the heavy emphasis on product placement is all part of the strategy and Fuller is the first pop manager fully to understand and utilise the power of product tie-ins. "When it comes to getting your name and music across to people, especially outside Britain and America, the record company can only go so far," Tyrrell says. "If you can do a deal which attaches your name to a popular product in a particular territory then they will do your marketing for you."

e cites the example of Chupa Chup lollipops, a popular confectionery which the Girls have been linked in Spain, where they are now possibly the guage act ever. Similarly, the tie-in with Pepsi has given the Spice Girls massive exposure in South-East Asia, not an area in which British record companies have traditionally invested a great deal of effort.

The objection to such a rapacious emphasis on commercial exploitation is that it may well lead to an erosion in



Finding the time in her busy schedule to make a little music with her fellow Spice Girls, Mel B sings to the Johannesburg crowd on Saturday

the standards of the group's music, and in some way cheapens the creative process. Do the Spice Girls exist to make music or market lollipops? And, on a purely practical level, the sheer amount of time devoted to setting up these deals and the actual

making of the various advertisements has eaten into the time available for actually making the records. When the first international marketing meetings took place for the Spiceworld campaign, the alburn had not even been recorded, and many people at Virgin

harboured doubts that it would be finished this side of Christmas. In the event the album is released today and it sounds fine

Still, there is a lingering danger of forgetting that the Girls' primary role is to make music. At the Sun City press

conference, among all the good-natured banter about girl power, Nelson Mandela and the benefits of Spice Girls cameras, the group's spindoctors make every effort to encourage questions about the new album and the Girls speak with enthusiasm about

their favourite tracks. But to criticise them for making lucrative commercial deals and selling millions of records into the bargain is like criticising a leopard for chasing gazelles. And there is certainly no sign of the Spice Girls changing their spots now.

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travails of romantic love. Norman's tone production is no longer as immaculate as once it was, but she gives a complete performance. Arms raised, eyes shining, she holds the moment, like the lingering scent of one of Théophile Gautier's roses, long after the vocal line has ended. The statuesque pose assumed in the lament Sur les lagunes



recalls the grief of Dido in Les Troyens. The sweeping lines of Le spectre de la rose and L'absence, too, have an operatic ring, though there is room also for intimacy among the tombstones of Au cimetière.

Conducting a sensibly re-duced London Symphony Orchestra, Michael Tilson Thomas matched Norman with ravishing textures and beautifrom his brilliant, brash ren-dering of Berlioz in the Carnaval Romain overture that opened the programme.

There is more than a touch of vulgarity in Schoenberg's orchestration of Brahms's Piano Quartet No 1 in G minor. In his interpretation of the "Gypsy Rondo" finale, Schoenberg's imagination seems to have run wild: the town and Tilson Thomas offered us a ringside seat. But in the Intermezzo he realised the light Brahmsian textures, clarinet to the fore, complete with sunny Trio.



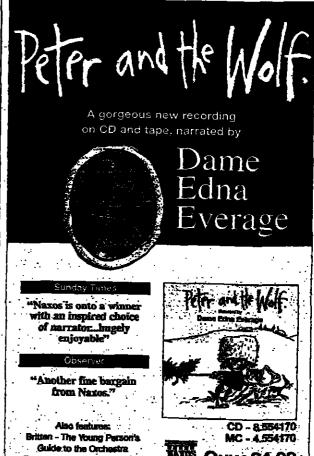
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movies or the pub: the place to go next Saturday night - and stay until breakfast time — is your local library. From Aberdeen to Wokingham, 25 libraries will be open all night in celebration of National Libraries Week, which starts today.

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They will, variously, offer rooftop fireworks, rock music, ghost stories, a literary murder mystery quiz, visiting ce-lebrities (at any rate Melvyn Bragg, patron of the week, is going to Camden in northwest London), writing workshops, reading groups, bedtime sto-ries for pyjama-clad children, video booths. Net surfing. advice sessions on hangovers and sleep problems, free coffee for taxi drivers and, if you last out, comflakes and toast. In some libraries, they will even declare an amnesty on overdue books.

During National Libraries Week, under-fives in Aylesbury will bridge the generation gap by teaching over-80s how to use computers and CD-Roms. In Weston-super-Mare, a librarian will dress up as the most hated literary villain chosen from a county-wide

poll, and get dunked in gunge. Library Oscars will be awarded in Birmingham tonight to librarians nominated by the public; Stratford will have a Dracula Day to celebrate the centenary of publication of the novel; and Leominster will host medieval musicians and a reading of A Shropshire Lad.

Bus queues will be more fun in Torfaen on Thursday, when a storyteller will entertain passengers. In Nottingham, teenagers will be racing around the library with shopping baskets and answering quiz questions. And as a suitable act of homage, library enthusiasts are cleaning up a huge statue in Salford cemetery, a memorial to Joseph Brotherton, founder of the

Public Library movement. There will be every kind of storytelling for children: with live snakes in Jersey Central Library tomorrow: Punjabi stories in Leicester, stories by torchlight and with midnight feasts in south Gloucestershire; and stories sponsored by Andrex (soft, long ones?) as part of a pre-school literary initiative. And on a Gala Day everything? Are they adven-in Gateshead, a "virtual" chil-turous and take risks or do

Torget the raves, the movies or the pub: the connecting children on the Web to their favourite authors.

Talks. performances, seminars, exhibitions and tours are taking place throughout Britain. In Glasgow, lectures will be interspersed with wine tasting and jazz. On Saturday at the Connaught Rooms in Covent Garden there is an allday exhibition, London's Living Library, with dozens of authors and celebrities taking part in talks, readings and signings. Among them are Martin Amis, Beryl Bain-bridge, Bill Bryson, Robert Carrier, Clare Francis, Shirley Hughes, Andrew Motion and Ruth Rendell.

There is no doubt that a good read is often the best medicine, and "surgeries" are teaming librarians with doc-

> 6 Sexual love and library books are connected ?

tors who will prescribe litera-ture and information. Meanwhile in Oldham, if you feel run down, librarians are handing out "Fiction on Prescription", bags of books intended to cheer you up, on such themes as "books to lighten spirits" and "books about people more miserable than yourself.

This is also a week for studies, conferences, surveys and projects designed to have a lasting impact. The BBC's non-profit-making "Comput-ers Don't Bite" initiative is supporting free Information Technology training in 3,000

And for the first time, a bookshop chain has teamed up with libraries, recognising that their interests are common rather than competitive. Waterstone's "Play Around With A Book" promotion invites readers and borrowers to talk about their reading habits in terms they might use to describe their sexual habits: do they have several on the go at once? Do looks count for

they feel safer with what they know? Postcards in books and libraries give readers the chance to confess all, and it is hoped that the answers will be circulated for the greater encouragement of all. The pro-motion is backed by the author and journalist Will Self, who declares that "libraries are sexy". He adds: "The analogy between sexual love and library books isn't quite as preposterous as it sounds. In both our reading and our personal lives, we are attempt-

ing to connect," As part of this venture, borrowers in Leeds will be offered a "Blind Date with a Book": the librarians' favourite books given out in a bag to encourage readers to experiment and perhaps discover unexpected pleasures.

Libraries are more fun and stimulating than they are often given credit for, and research published today confirms that fact. Investigations funded by the British Library and by local authorities have revealed that the value of libraries cannot be measured simply by the number of books that are borrowed.

Libraries today, the research demonstrates, contribute significantly to the infrastructure of their communities. Involvement with local groups, education projects, out of school study centres, and the provision of computerised information, all support the local economy and "empower communities". Proof that your local library can bring you more than the latest Barbara Taylor Bradford. It can bring. you self-esteem.

One Leeds 13-year-old, Israr Ahmed, who is quoted in the research, emerged from a library-based reading project saying: "You have changed my life. I'm the same boy who hated to read and write ... I found out how important education is to me."

Let's hope that the Government takes this research to heart. Things look promising: the MPs Chris Smith and Mark Fisher are launching National Libraries Week today with a party in the House of Commons. Perhaps there is still time to make amends for the recent decision of the Millennium Commission to decline funding to link all British libraries to



On guard for the avant-garde

The French Theatre Season has finally given us a sighting of that rare bloom, a fullyfledged piece of experimental writing. Never mind that the playwright, Didier-Georges Gabily, conceived Contention as a sequel to Marivaux's La Dispute; it is hard evidence of avant-garde French

In this coupling of plays, directed by the young (31) and outrageously gifted Stanislas Nordey, we can see where Gabily's inspiration has come from and, more remarkably. where his writing might have taken him had he not died last year at the age of 41. The evening begins in fact with and other things, a short poetic recital about death by Vincent Ravalec, which is performed in

near-darkness. At the heart of the piece is an Aids blood test. Backlit, barefoot, and reading from a notebook, Hélène Fabré's hypnotic, slightly quavery voice explores the fear of abattoirs, nightclubs and mangled babies with forensic deliberation. Even the surtitles pause as she pulls on her cigarette.

It solves nothing but it sets the tone for Marivaux's sour comedy, whose 18th-century roots are visible only in the garb of Marc Bodnar's Prince and Fabre's Hermiane. It is their dispute - over which sex is the most treacherous - by which the

Prince hopes to break the will of his her to watch a contest between two boys and two girls who have been reared in utter

isolation. Nordey and his designer Emmanuel Cloius strip the stage to a black box in which the four young innocents interact like lab rats. The Prince and Hermiane sit at desks in the darkest corners like boxing judges. The world of Marivaux's

THEATRE La Dispute/ Contention Peacock

and knowing, a place of instant dislikes and crude caricature. They fall deeply in love with the first person they see, then grow in-

lovers is a heady

mix of the naive

stantly weary when a new friend arrives. The women are overbearingly vain; the men are, well, jolly bonding types who eat bananas, lust after each other's girlfriend and then get jealous. The warmth of this brilliant clowning comedy, superbly performed by the company in raincoats, is, it transpires, only inch deep. At the end of this royal philosophical recreation the lovers have brown paper bags pur over their heads and are summarily shot. The Prince's seduction ends in

stalemate and cynicism.

Hardly pausing for breath,
Gabily's Contention takes the Prince and Hermiane's argument to a cynical, vicious conclusion. The Prince and Hermiane are now old and seedy. Bodnar's pasty Prince is infected with Aids after a lifetime of indiscriminate adultery.

daunting speeches. "Sincerity is a whore who has an eternity of tricks to look forward to," shouts the Prince. The acting, after the antics of the Marivaux, is fiercely internal, grimly understated. Fabré, a thin stick of a girl with her short punkish hair at odds with her ballgown, remains heroically unintimidated by her flabby jailer, until the scenery, like their pretence, is gradually packed away by stagehands. This is not easy theatre. Gabily

Gabily tries to cram the world

and his dog into his monolithic,

piece and Nordey's vision certainly make La Dispute a vastly more intriguing experience, but one fiercely demanding on stamina.

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disintegration. What is being exposed to view is what has been hidden for nearly a decade now. There are no longer three parties in Britain: there are five. There are two Conservative Parties. One is a right-wing English nationalist party and ought to be led by Michael Portillo, but is having to put up with

The other is a centre-right,

William Hague instead.

pro-European party and ought to be led by Ken Clarke — or if he finishes his book and can drag himself back from the South of France, Chris Patten. The parties are totally different, hate each other, and are becoming more and more separate by the day. Like Labour in the early 1980s, the unhappy alliance that is the present Conservative Party seems to believe that it lost the election because it was not extreme enough and it is, therefore, going more Eurosceptic and further to the

Europe" is now on its way to becoming Britain's "out of Europe" Party. As with Labour in the 1980s. a second party is forming under the surface. Like Labour then, it has its gang of four: Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke, Chris Patten and David Curry. Like Labour

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f you want to see the true nature of British politics faction first. And like the Social Democrats then, some openly describe themselves as L today, just whisper the words "single currency". It's

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Paddy Ashdown on the issue that

will change our politics for ever

enough to send shock waves

down the spines of both Lab-

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The week before last it was the

Government reeling in confu-

sion over British membership

of EMU. Last week it was the

Conservatives' turn to show us

the turmoil and division over

Europe that now runs, like a

San Andreas fault, through

their party.

The decision over the single

currency is the biggest issue

facing our country. It ought to

be the subject of a great debate. But it isn't. The papers are, to be sure, full of stories

about the single currency: the

Chancellor's aides briefing on

mobile phones in London

pubs; Conservatives queueing to resign from the Shadow

Cabinet; battle lines drawn,

complete with all their polit-

ical paraphernalia of dining

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in the dark corners of West-

But, when it comes to a

debate on the substance of the single currency itself, there

was silence during the general

election and there remains

minster corridors.

Christian Democrats. And there are two Labour Parties, too. One is a centre-left reforming party - re-shaped and re-fashioned in the image of its leader, Tony Blair. It is in Government, and where it is doing things to modernise the country, we Liberal Democrats are working with it.

The other remains an old Socialist party, is as far out of government as the Tories, and has been reduced to little more than a rump in Parliament. But it remains strong on the town and city halls and in the European Parliament. It is quiet now, biding its time. But, under the landslide, the fault lines are still there, ready to

Sooner, rather than later, the underlying shape of Brit-ish politics is going to break through the old weakened shell of our present political structure and politics will take on a new form. When the change is over, though the names may stay the same, our politics will probably look much more like those on the Continent. A broadly Social

Democratic Party: a broadly Christian Democratic Party, a Liberal Democrat Party and a collec-There are tion of extreme parties out on the no longer

wings.
Michael Heselthree main tine, Kenneth Clarke and others parties in understand this, I Britain: think. They underthere stand that, like Labour before them, the are five Tories will have to pass through a per-iod of painful catharsis before

they realise that elections in Britain are not won at the extremes, they are won at the centre. It may take five years — it may take more. It will almost certainly involve a split of some sort. But in the end the Tories will have to come back to the middle ground. And when they do they will find the familiar figures of Mr Kenneth Clarke and Mr Chris Patten, patiently waiting there

But if Europe is what causes this "realignment" of British politics, then proportional representation is what enables it. Which is one reason why it is so important.

PR for Europe in 1999 provides both the cause and the means for the process to begin. And PR for Westminster at the next election will hasten it on. Which is one of the reasons why electoral reform is so important for Britain.

There is a great project raking shape: the wholesale modernisation of our country. It will take a decade to complete and it will lead to new partnerships, a new politics and a new way of doing things. By the end, with luck and skill, we will have modernised Britain's constitution, its welfare system, its view of itself, its role and image in the world and the shape of its politics, too.

Europe and the single currency are just the beginning.

The author is leader of the

The Louise Woodward trial adds to the case for allowing television cameras into English courts

The United States has a jury problem. Most white Americans, and most white British people, felt that the O.J. Simpson jury refused to convict because of ethnic sympathies. Most of the jury were black, and O.J. was a black celebrity. In the Louise Woodward case, a Massachusetts jury trying an English girl convicted despite evidence which raised grave doubts about her guilt: There were at least two important causes for concern: there was inadequate evidence to justify a charge of murder rather than manslaughter; and the balance of the medical evidence, even including that given for the prosecution, suggested that the injury to baby Matthew Eappen's skull had partially healed and must therefore have been committed some weeks before the baby fell seriously ill. It also suggested that the skull injury occurred at about the same time as the broken wrist, which had also partially healed. There was nothing to associate Miss Woodward

with the wrist injury, which the Eappens themselves had failed to The finding of guilty of second degree murder was therefore a miscarriage of justice. That was not the fault of the trial judge. Hiller B. Zobel; in the O.J. Simpson case, Judge Ito was quite reasonably criticised, but aside from any points which may be taken on appeal, Judge Zobel conducted the trial in a fair and dignified way. The defence counsel obviously now regret not having encouraged Miss Woodward to allow the issue of manslaughter to be

There are legal circumstances, of which this was one, in which plea bargaining, even if it involves a full admissionof guilt, is the safest way out. The main culpability, apart from that of the jury, rests with the prosecuting authorities for exagger ating the original charge into one of

Private prejudice and public justice

be protected from this sort of miscarriage of justice, in emotional cases, only if the prosecuting authorities are particularly careful not to frame charges which go beyond the evidence. It is not the job of the prosecutor merely to add another notch to his or her gun; a prosecutor who wins verdicts against the innocent undermines his ability to convict the guilty. The fact that the prosecutors won a verdict from the jury makes their conduct that much the worse. The emotional response they should have guarded against won them the verdict, and indeed Gerard Leone, the lead prosecutor, played up to it in court.

There are three respects in which the Woodward case has shown that English practice is safer than that in America. The prohibition of prejudicial pre-trial publicity, the summing up of the evidence by the judge and the power given to the judge to reduce the charge would between them have made such a miscarriage of justice less likely in England. The separation of the political and judicial processes - in Massachusetts the prosecuting authorities can be influenced by their political ambitions - is a further safeguard. No one pretends that there are no miscarriages of justice in this country, but in these respects English practice makes them less

These are not, however, the most striking of the differences between the two systems. The most obvious

likely to occur.

that it was televised; if such a case had arisen in England it would not have been. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, has immediately, perhaps with undue haste, intervened to say that he "would not countenance" the idea. He argues that: "There is a great risk that the behaviour and judgment of the lawyers, witnesses and the jury itself might be affected by the knowledge that they are participating in a live media event." No doubt that is to

William

some extent true, though it is not certain that they would be affected for the worse, rather than for the better. One has to ask what might have happened if the Woodward case had not been televised. The initial press publicity, which may well have influenced the jury, had been hostile to the accused. There was relatively little press coverage outside Massa-chusetts, though the accusation was reported in Britain, as in the rest of the United States. A trial without television would have received some further press coverage, but far less than it actually got. Those who followed the televised hearing formed

Britain, and many Americans, came to the conclusion that the prosecution had failed to prove its case. Without television they would not have been able to make that judgment.
Indeed, if they had not been televised, the Simpson and

Woodward cases would never have raised the public concern that now exists. There is no reason to think that the two verdicts would have been different. The black jurors would still have sympathised with a black celebrity; the Boston mothers would still have sided with a Boston mother. Identification is a powerful psychological influence. Few people would have known how grave the evidence against Simpson was, or how weak the evidence against Louise Woodward. If justice miscarries in public, there is a fair prospect of the miscarriage being corrected, as in effect it was in the Simpson civil case. and as one hopes it will be in the Woodward case. If it miscarries more or less in private, it may never be put right. Without television, Louise Woodward would almost certainly have had to serve the full 15 years in

assumed her guilt.
Certainly the English system of law, in recent years, has no very good record of avoiding miscarriages of justice, or of putting them right at all quickly. In the IRA cases, the main fault seems to have been with the police work; in every jurisdiction there is the same temptation for the

prison; almost everyone would have

police to distort evidence against suspects they genuinely believe to be guilty. Yet it may be significant that these were Irish suspects being tried before English juries. In Birming-ham, after an IRA atrocity, an Irish accent may have been taken, even if subconsciously, as a sign of guilt. In Boston, after the death of a baby, an English accent may make the au pair seem an outsider. Few people are wholly free of ethnic identification at times of emotional stress.

That is why one has to build into the jury system the best possible safeguard. Like political democracy, the jury system rests on the belief that ordinary people, the public, will on average make fairer judgments than the elite. I believe in the literal land. the elite. I believe in that: I do not think that juries are as dangerous as professional judges who go wrong. It was not a jury which convicted Dreyfus. Yet the jury system itself implies that justice should be coram populo, in front of the people. Private justice cannot be seen to be done.

owadays, coram populo. effectively means "in front of the television cameras". The Lord Chancellor is right to suggest that television alters what it observes; it has changed the House of Com-mons, but hardly anyone thinks that the cameras should now be turned out. At decisive moments, television can involve the public in a way no other system of communication can. It is healthy that the American people now know how seriously communal sympathies can colour the responses of juries; such public knowledge is some protection even after the event, and may help to educate jurors for the future. In Britain, our juries have similar prejudices; the difference is that we do not know it. The Lord Chancellor belongs to a Government which constantly abuses the judg-ment of the people, he is wrong to keep the people's eye, the television camera, out of the English courts.

Still stuck in the trenches

Both Blair and

Hague need to break out of old

positions, says

Peter Riddell

¶ony Blair and William Hague are both in danger of missing opportunities through unnecessary caution and misguided boldness, respectively. This is because of their misreading of what the May I election means — or, rather, of the shift in public mood triggered by the change of Government on May 2.

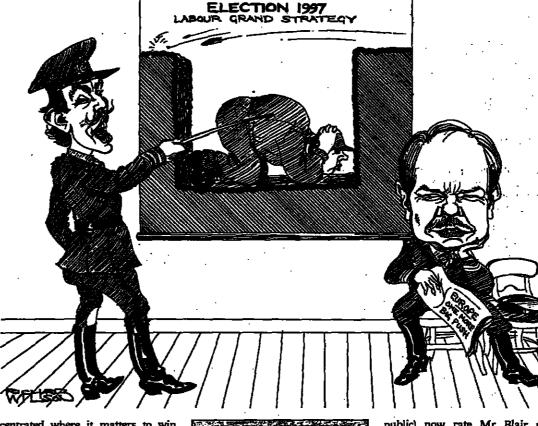
The election is only six months ago

but already seems from another age.

It was a spectacular result, comparable in scale with 1906 and 1945. That is underlined by the flood of studies that have started to appear notably The British General Election of 1997. by David Butler and Dennis Kavanagh, the fifteenth in the Nuffield series that has consistently offered both the best insider account and best analysis. As the authors argue, "if ever a party needed a rest from government, it seemed to be the Conservatives in 1997". But while the Tories provided the opportunity. Labour seized it. "The election was perhaps less a swing to the political

left than a vindication of new Labour and the work of the party's modernisers." For the first time, Labour outscored the Tories among the middle-classes and home-owners. But the new Labour phenomenon presents a paradox: its very freshness and ability to appeal beyond Labour's traditional strongholds raises questions about its durability. Some specific anti-Tory sentiments, about sleaze and the like, will pass, while Labour won its Commons landslide on the third lowest share of the electorate of any postwar government. This is because

the electoral system now heavily favours Labour, whose vote is con-



centrated where it matters to win

Nonetheless, "it is too soon to say whether 1997 will be a realigning election, in which Labour becomes the new majority, and normal party of government". In a forthcoming series of lively essays by younger political scientists (Labour's Landslide, edited by Andrew Geddes and Jonathan Tonge), Steven Fielding argues that Labour's mandate was for "safe" change. New Labour may have reflected the aspirations of many "Middle Britain" voters, but the party affiliations of many of its new supporters were weak.

For all the triumphalism of May,

these doubts are shared by Labour strategists, including Mr Blair. New Labour is still on trial. It must not only fulfill its five key manifesto

his lead. According to the latest

MORI poll in The Times last Friday,

even the reduced band of Tory

supporters (just a quarter of the

dges. It must above all no breach its promises on spending and income tax. There is much to be said for this "elected as new Labour. govern as new Labour" view. After so long in Opposition, Labour has to prove it can govern competently. But something new has happened since May 1. The arrival of a new Government has itself altered popular attitudes. The public is willing to shrug off short-term squalls and to give the Government a fair wind. People trust Mr Blair to an unprecedented extent and would respond to

public) now rate Mr Blair more highly than Mr Hague over a whole range of leadership qualities.

With his impregnable Commons majority. Mr Blair has a rare, if not unique, chance to be bold. But he has: so far been rejuctant to take decisions that risk his popularity. He both wants to be liked by everyone and issuspicious that his current ratings are unreal and will not last.

That has led to the Government being more cautious on the timing of monetary union than many Tory pro-Europeans, let alone the Liberal Democrats, the CBI and TUC. Contrary to some responses by sceptics to Gordon Brown's statement a week ago, I believe Mr Blair thinks that Britain should, and will, participate if monetary union is successfully launched. But the arbitrary timetable

ing a restaurant there to film a tele-

vision slot. Unwisely, she jested that it was "hold-on-to-your-hand-

bag territory". The owner of Arkan-sas Cafe, Bubba Helberg, is not

needed a passport to come over to

● A MILD stroke has done little to

dampen the spirits of Captain Ashe Lincoln, a QC and the first

man to disarm Hitler's magnetic

mines. Last week I found him cele-brating his 90th birthday with old

chums at London's Plaisterer's Hall. "He's never looked better,"

says a fellow war veteran. "He de-

stroyed bridges across the Rhine

then and he still could now."

impressed. "She was such a * snob," he avers. "She told us she'd of ruling out entry in this Parliament means that he may not be able to exploit the current Tory split.

These divisions are deep-seated but are partly the result of Mr Hague's misreading of May I. His allies argue that the Tories lost from not having a clearcut line on a single currency. But there is no evidence that the Tories suffered because they were not sceptic enough. Not only did an antimonetary union position make no difference to the results of individual candidates, but the intervention of the Referendum and UK Independence parties may have cost the Tories just three seats overall (according to the work by John Curtice and Michael Steed in the Nuffield study). While two-thirds of the Referendum Party's support may have come from former Tories, if diversed the protest vote from candidates more likely to win and may have saved the Tories some seats. Europe is not a high priority for most voters (apart from committed Tories) and mattered mainly in emphasising party divi-

y rejecting entry for the next Parliament, Mr Hague has re-emphasised these tensions. He believes his new formula will ensure greater clarity, and have the support of a majority of MPs and Tory members. But he is forgetting that, in Opposition, clarity is not necessarily a virtue when you do not have the initiative to set the political agenda. (It is curious that a single currency is the sole issue where the Tories believe they now have to decide a policy.) Mr Hague is taking a one-way bet on monetary union failing and being able to defeat a

referendum on entry.

Mr Hague and Mr Blair are in a curious way the mirror image of each other. The Tory leader is trying to correct the mistakes of Government Opposition, while the Prime Minister is continuing the caution of Opposition in Government But Mr Hague's mistake offers a big opportunity for Mr Blair. He now has the chance, in the vivid words of Winston Churchill about Joseph Chamberlain, to "make the weather" and to reshape the political agenda.

Flat broke

then, they are operating as a Liberal Democrat Party

SEDITIOUS murmurs are echoing through Albany, Byron's old haunt and still one of London's smartest addresses. Alan Clark, Sir Isaiah Berlin and Roger Scruton are among those who lurk in the Piccadilly flats inheritors of a cultural tradition which also links them to J.B. Priestley. Graham Greene and Raffles, the fictional jewel thief.

Now an unwelcome circular has thudded on their doorsteps, informing them that service charges — already well over £1,000 a quarter for the pokiest garret — are to rise "substantially". Half of the flats are privately owned, with the rest let by Peterhouse College, Cambridge, Their tenants, still reeling from a

not pleased. "Money rules, which is shame," says Christopher Gibbs, society antiques dealer, who has lived there for more than 20 years and fears its "character" will suffer. Trustees are supposed to vet applicants. "It is part of a culture change. We all dread Albany becoming just a crash pad for rich

40 per cent rent rise last year, are

The reason? Repairs to its Rope Walk have been completed "at some expense". The trustees are obliged to get good rents, but I hope they control who comes in so we don't get too many horrible people," says Mr Gibbs, worried that the changes will mean he can no longer afford the atmosphere of

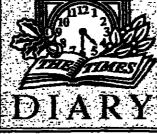




"sparse elegance". But Lord Quinton, who lives in a private Albany flat, is unsympathetic. "A lot of people here have had a very good deal for a very long time," he opines. No longer.

Dog days

AT one of Alan Clark's other homes, Saltwood Castle, the atmosphere is slightly tense. Apart from



his gentle dogs. Mr Clark also keeps a live-in researcher behind the gates. But now the personal scholar, Dr Graham Stewart, has decided to write a biography of Churchill and Chamberlain — and his views on their handling of the Second World War contrast sharply with his master's.

"The book is about the different ways one can go about getting the leadership of the Tory party," says Stewart. "Chamberlain did it by keeping in with the Cabinet; Chur-chill did it by falling out with

So far, so good. But the thorny issue is 1941, and Clark's revisionist views on Winston. "Clark thought Churchill should have made peace in 1941, but I think it would have been a hopeless idea," says Stewart courageously, noting that Mr Clark has been keeping out of his

way. "Alan's been very busy with the court case, so I haven't seen all that much of him."

WITH rare regard for the elder-

ly, I gather that Baroness Thatcher

was concerned about Bob Jordan.

the newly-retired doorkeeper to No

10. Worried that he might get a bit

chilly in winter, she installed an electric heater above the doorway. **Star attraction** KEEN to lend itself a more sophisticated air, Eurostar has added a Scottish watercolourist to its staff. Glynn Boyd Harte has been hired

to paint attractions along the way

to Brussels and Paris. A selection of

his work will be hung at that famed gallery, Ashford International Sta-"It's very interesting," says Boyd Harte. "I meet a lot of businessmen with mobile telephones - I rarely come across that sort of chap." But there are exceptions. "I sat next to

Yehudi Menuhin recently. Charm-

 DRAW your own conclusions. The Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery is advertising for a Curator of Art (Paintings and Sculp-ture). Applicants, who will need to know their stuff, are being wooed

with a salary starting at £13,920. But should they prefer "modern" art, requiring little knowledge of anything much, they may spot the advert for a director of the Baltic Flour Mills contemporary art centre in Gateshead. The salary? £55,000. Not bad.

Caff gaffe

TRY as she might. Tara Palmer Tomkinson just can't keep out of the limelight. Now she has hurt the feelings of East Enders after visit-



Those are my bonding ses-

Arctic role

CLARE SHORT has a host of hidden talents, as I discovered at a party the other night. Taking me aside, she praised the "wonderfully annospheric" film she had just seen -Smilla's Feeling For Snow, which is set in the Arctic and stars Julia Ormand. As Ms Short's son, Toby Graham, listened in admiration, she impressed with her grasp of inuit language. "I lived for a time" on Baffin Island," she explained, referring to a barren Arctic land-



Snow queen: Julia Ormond

mass. Stand by for a large dollop of British aid to remote Arctic islands.

 WHAT would grandpa say? Arlo Guthrie, grandson of aeronautic luminary Sir Giles Guthrie, is trawling the Internet for Pulex irritans - human fleas. As the agent for "the world's last flea circus", he says only human ones work on the high wire. "There is a terrible shortage;" he complains. [tchy

JASPER GERARD



POPE AND PAPON

Dates with history that should not be postponed

The 2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth is Sunlikely to see the great mass movements of flagellants and penitents that marked the beginning of this millennium. But the Vatican has begun a process which could lead to a solemn act of repentance by the Roman Catholic Church for the darkest chapters in its own history over the past thousand years. The Chief Rabbi of Rome said yesterday that he had never believed that he would hear a Pope describe the Jews as "the chosen people". The Pope believes that, for the Church to start the new era with a clean slate, it must acknowledge and repent its role in the great persecutions of the Jews from the Middle Ages to Hitler.

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The first to be scrutinised are those which accompanied the Holy Inquisition. The second will be the failures of Church leaders, Wincluding Pius XII, to speak out against the Holocaust, the Church's concordat with fascism and allegations that the Vatican bankrolled and later protected some German Nazis. The Vatican International Symposium on "The Christian Roots of Anti-Judaism" has been asked to probe deeply and report to the Pope. This could lead to an imminent Papal apology on behalf of the Church for failures in its moral duty to the Jews — a culmination to the acts of penitence that, in 1994, the Pontiff asked of individual Catholics and priests. But the Vatican archives on the Nazi era will remain sealed; and by encompassing the whole millennium, the Church may also deflect attention from one obvious question: why it has taken Rome more than half this century to confront its record on the Holocaust.

In France, where its bishops pronounced a Declaration of Repentance last month at Drancy, the same awkward question has thrust itself to the centre of debate - and not just with respect to the Church. From Drancy, 76,000 Jews were deported between 1942 and 1944, rounded up by French police acting on orders from the Vichy Government. At the war's end. 2,600 returned.

Why this public act should have taken the bishops 55 years may say more about France than about its clergy. The French Catholic hierarchy strongly supported Vichy and was

culpably silent about the anti-Semitic laws of 1940. But Church leaders did condemn the mass round-ups in 1942 and many more French, including clergy, sheltered Jews than did so in other Nazi-occupied countries.

The bishops' penance has to be seen as part of a remarkable collective searching of France's great temps perdu, the wartime Occupation whose history was not so much rewritten as excised. The Liberation brought terrible and often violent retribution against some collaborators; but that purge over, France embraced the comforting myths of a suffering country united by the Resistance.

The trial of Maurice Papon which continues this week rivets the nation because, as a senior Vichy official who became a decorated pillar of the postwar Establishment, he represents the essence of an institutional continuity that has few apologists today. The years of silence have meant that now that the floodgates of memory are opening, along with state archives on expropriated Jewish property and art and the 5,500 sealed boxes of Vichy's "grand commissariat for Jewish questions", the postwar French Establishment stands

exposed along with Vichy. Among politicians, a backlash has begun which is not confined to racists of the National Front. Philippe Séguin, leader of the Gaullist RPR, protests that the Papon trial is "a pretext for a trial against de Gaulle and Gaullism, and France itself". On the Left. Jean-Pierre Chevenement derides a "climate of national masochism". Both are wrong. M Papon is accused of active involvement in the deportation of 1,560 Jews. a charge as specific as it is grave; and it is on specifics that he will be judged. Opinion polls show that most French people believe that it is healthy to confront the past, even if that means looking in the mirror to ask why so many had faith in Vichy. If the Papon trial has also tapped a vein of public unease about the unaccountability of France's civil servants, in modern times as well as in the past, that is a matter for political remedy, not political sniping. French lawyers, police and doctors have joined the clergy's mea culpa; it

HURT STILL WORKS

Hague is right to confront his European critics

been John Major's least politically successful phrase in Government. But just as it then had the ring of truth, so it could now be applied to William Hague's determination to hold a clear line on the single currency. So far his commitment to ruling out EMU membership for two parliaments has led to two frontbench resignations - Ian Taylor and David Curry - and caused two old beasts - Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine - to roar. But Mr Hague is right; and in the long run, he will not regret it.

In office, Mr Major had one goal above all others: to keep his party together. He succeeded technically in doing so, in that it frayed only at the edges with the occasional defection to Labour or the Liberal Democrats. But to the public, the Tories were so clearly divided that his ducking and weaving won no political rewards.

Instead Mr Major was punished for failing to demonstrate leadership. In his attempts to keep both sides of the party happy, he allowed each to believe that he could be pulled in their direction. The net result was no policy beyond "wait and see". So the Tories' potentially most attractive electoral asset was squandered.

Mr Hague has clearly learnt lessons from the débacle of the last Parliament. He knows that trying to fudge the issue will get him nowhere and will not present to the electorate an image of a united party. Ruling out a single currency "for the foreseeable future" is a stance that would last only as long as the future can be foreseen: in politics, roughly a week. If Mr Hague were to hold

"If it isn't hurting, it isn't working" may have off making policy until closer to the next election, he would merely be delaying the arguments until a much more sensitive time. Much better to get them over with at an

is they who best reflect the spirit of the time.

opportune time in the electoral cycle. The truth is that no policy on Europe will unite the Conservative Party. The two wings of the party are irreconcilable. If anyone could have found one, it was Mr Major, and he failed to do so. So the alternative is to go for a policy that is right, that is intellectually defensible, that commands the support of the majority of the party - and which has the merit of being popular in the country. That is what Mr Hague has sensibly done.

He has also acknowledged that he will never win over the whole parliamentary party: he has agreed that, if and when the time comes, backbenchers will have a free vote on the single currency. He may find that he has to extend this freedom to other European issues. But what is critical is that he maintains frontbench unity: and to this end, the resignations of Messrs Taylor and Curry can only be liberating.

Both Tony Blair and Margaret Thatcher won popular plaudits from taking on the old guards in their party. Mr Hague can afford to do the same. It is unlikely that he will actually drive MPs over to the other side: unlike the Gang of Four who formed the SDP, his European dissenters are not alienated by his whole philosophy. But even if he did suffer a little attrition in this Parliament, he should be suitably rewarded in the next. Clarity and leadership are attractive in politics; dithering and dissembling are not.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

All human life is captured by the words invented to describe it

Words do define a century. As we report today, the lexicographers at HarperCollins have picked 101 neologisms that have come into common currency since 1896, each of which stands as a year's verbal snapshot. Since language is a defining human

activity, this is no odder a method of measuring the passage of time than by consuls, the Olympic Games or the reigns of kings. It is more accurate than dating from the Year of Creation, fixed with precision by Archbishop Ussher as 4,404 BC. It is more general than the particular local chronologies of flood, harvest and drought, which served rural communities for millennia.

But as time-posts, the words of the past century give a subjective and overall a dark picture. Sinn Fein, air raids and ethnic cleansing are still things as well as words. The Cheka, Gestapo and doodlebugs are now obsolete history as well as markers of history. Girl Guides, Mickey Mouse and the National Lottery have added to the gaiety of nations. Perhaps the most versatile words are those such as "krypton" and "robotics", which first appeared as scientific or pseudoscientific terms and have been recycled with spin-offs by "television", the key word for

1926 and a master words of the century. The number of new words coming into the English language during the course of a year varies according to the size of the dict-

ionary and the definition of a word. The Oxford English Dictionary, which before admitting a word judges whether it has legs to keep running, validates hundreds of new words each year. But if fly-by-night words of the school playground, club and private joke are counted, thousands of new words are invented every day. Most newwords at this end of the century come from science and computers. Accordingly most are meaningless to anybody outside their jargon.

These words of the century provide a route map. A similar or a quite different map could have been signposted by 101 different words. What would be interesting would be to have a preview of the words that will define the next century. They will continue to reflect science, cultural fashion and grief and joy, which are part of life as well as language. Modern languages speak of the past lying behind and the future in front. Ancient languages thought of the future behind its back, creeping up to catch it unawares. Whereas the past was laid out in front for all to see. Man is clever with words, and credulous about things, as words of the past century such as "flying saucer", "bikini" and "exchange-rate mechanism" indicate. The only safe bet about the new words of the next century is that they will pour forth in accelerated numbers, describing and defining the astonishing journey of Man

Yours faithfully. BERNARD BLACK (Head of Political Studies).

St John's College, Grove Road South, Southsea, Hampshire. October 29.

Wheels under fire

is stationary with respect to the road? The same is true of cars, of course. but then wheels are much more prom-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Long-term harm' of no win, no fee From Mr Stephen Nathan, QC

Sir. The Government's decision to kill off civil legal aid for damages claims (letters, October 25, 28) is a triumph of short-term Treasury gain without any proper consideration or debate given to the long-term harm which will be wrought to our system of justice. But the real issue, ignored by the Government, is: do we, as a civilised European society, genuinely want a system of paying lawyers by contingency fees for civil litigation? (The proposed change is not just limited to clients

within the present legal aid limits.) US attorneys to whom I have talked all speak with one voice. Their experience is that the contingency-fee basis is a thoroughly bad system which inevitably pitches the client and his lawyer into a conflict where the commercial interests of the lawyer and the interests of his client are likely to be

diametrically opposed.

English lawyers have an enviable reputation here and abroad for honourable professional behaviour because they represent only their client's interests and do so fearlessly. Now they must have regard to their own interests and no one should be surprised when they put their own interests first. Worse still, the temptation to cheat will occur again and

again (as one has seen in the USA). Those with legitimate grievances which deserve to be aired in any decent society, will all too often find no lawyer to take on their case because their chance of success is not good enough for the lawyer to finance on a contingency basis and because few such would-be plaintiffs have enough money of their own to invest in their.

By deciding to dump all the financial risks of civil litigation onto a small group within our society, instead of spreading it through society as a whole (by a national system of legal aid), much in our system of justice that is the envy of our neighbours is now going to be chucked out.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN NATHAN, Hare Court Barristers, 2 Hare Court, Temple, EC4. October 29.

From Dr R. D. S. Bloore

Sir, Adrian Zuckerman's interesting article, "No win, no fee, no solution" (October 28), raises two important limitations and, secondly, that no win, no fee arrangements are unlikely to be available to defendants.

Obtaining adequate cover at a reasonable premium will clearly be problematic, once litigation is in prospect. If one waited until serious illness occurred before seeking medical insurance, high premiums, restrictions on cover and outright refusals would come as no surprise.

Mr Zuckerman also notes that in Germany legal fees are fixed as a small proportion of the value of the dispute. This lower and more predictable cost of litigation means that affordable legal insurance policies are available in that country. Moreover, as they are generally annual policies, they give cover to defendants as well as plaintiffs.

However, an essential part of the German system, which is not widely publicised, is the mechanism which discourages claimants and their lawvers from exaggerating claims to increase fee recovery. In the German courts, plaintiffs only recover a percentage of the prescribed fees in proportion to the success of their claim. Thus, if the claimant is awarded 60 per cent of his claim, he only recovers 60 per cent of the prescribed fees from

By encouraging realistic claims, this system not only helps to foster shorter trials but also promotes early

Yours faithfully RICHARD BLOORE. 89 Haliburton Road, St Margarets, Twickenham, Middlesex. October 29.

the defendant.

Commons standards

From Mr Bernard Black

Sir. When Mr Quentin Davies - the Conservative MP who was the scourge of fellow party member David Willetts in the Commons Comminee on Standards and Privileges dissociates himself from the committee's stance on Neil Hamilton's request (reports, October 29), it is difficult to see that justice has been done.

From Professor Emeritus Felix Weinberg, FRS

regular basis for nearly forty years. having moved to work in England. Sir. With reference to the inflation in Sadly his children could not underbicycle speeds as measured by police stand him as we were not brought up radar guns (letter, October 25); have as Welsh speakers. they allowed for the fact that the top of Two days later he was conversing a wheel must travel forward at twice once again in English, but referring to the speed of the bike, since the bottom

events from his distant past. Yours faithfully. JOHN POPKINS. inent features of bicycles. Ty Carian, Adpar.

Yours faithfully,

Accountability of London's mayor

From the Minister for London

Sir, No, as you rightly state in your leading article ("Double talk", October 30), we do not intend to ask Londoners separate questions about the proposed mayor and assembly. It would be irresponsible to put a model to the people which simply would not work. We believe that the mayor and assembly combined are essential to ensure both leadership and account-

In the referendum we will ask the people of London whether or not they agree with us. I confidently expect to receive a resounding "yes" vote for what we have proposed.

The mayor of London will be a strong mayor, a powerful and influential voice, speaking on behalf of a potential electorate of five million people. He or she will be responsible for the control of significant public funds, and will make a number of key

In these circumstances we are absolutely convinced that the mayor must be held to account. This can be best done by an elected body with specific powers to scrutinise what the mayor proposes and does.

The assembly will also have another important role: to consider London-wide issues on a strategic basis. That is why we do not believe that the "indirect forum" you propose, with 32 borough leaders and the Corporation of London, would be an adequate alternative to the assembly. Each leader would, quite rightly, see his or her first loyalty as fighting for his or her own patch rather than the wider interests of London as a

Our intention is to put a single proposal to Londoners which is balanced and well thought through. We are consulting widely on it and are encouraged by the huge support for the mayor and assembly.

A mayor without an assembly is not an option.

Yours faithfully, NICK RAYNSFORD, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Eland House, Bressenden Place, SWI.

From Professor Emeritus A. Ralston

Sir. Your implied belief that a mayor in the US who must "coexist with an elected council that can claim a mandate of its own, and which has the authority to challenge budgetary and personnel decisions of the executive, soon becomes no more than a symbolic figure", bears no relation to the facts. In almost all major cities in the US there is some form of elected council as well as a mayor. Despite this, the mayor, far from being a "symbolic figure", is always much the most power-

ful elected official. For example, in New York with an elected city council of 50-odd members, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani dominates the city government. Although the council does have some budgetary and other powers and is controlled by the Democrats (whereas Mayor Giuliani is a Republican), its role is and can be no more than to provide a brake to mayoral excesses. In Buffalo, the second largest city in New York State. there is also an elected common council: but it. too. is not collectively nearly as powerful as the elected mayor.

US experience would suggest, if anything, that accountability for a mayor can only be achieved with an elected body with clearly defined prerogatives. An "indirect forum", such as you propose, is unlikely to be an effective brake on mayoral power in

housewife, a Red Cross worker and a

Landgirl.
This memorial was instigated by

my late father, who at the time was Vicar of Liskeard, It must be quite

unique as it shows only four men but

Sir, It is certainly a shame that war

memorials are being neglected and

even discarded (letter, October 28), but

on the positive side a few are turning

is the initiative of one man, Steve Met-

calfe. It provides biographies and

photographs of the soldiers killed in

the First World War and named on

three war memorials in the Northal-

lerton area, along with details of their

service. I found it a profoundly mov-

Perhaps the way forward is to

record all war memorials in this way

and use them as a learning resource

My only connection with Mr Met-

calfe's site is that my great-uncle, G.E.

Exton, is one of the soldiers listed, and

my great-grandfather was Chairman

of the Romanby war memorial com-

mittee, one of the memorials listed.

The Northallerton Memorials Pro-

Sincerely. ANTHONY RALSTON, Flat 4, Albert Court, 58 Prince Consort Road, SW7.

seven women.

Yours faithfully, KATE PARSONS,

Plymouth, Devon.

From Ms Liz Exton

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Yours faithfully,

88 Malvern Road, Bristol.

lizex@cableinet.co.uk

K. E. EXTON,

October 29.

II De La Hay Avenue.

War memorials

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. R. Mackay (retd)

Sir, Your report (October 29) on the call for a national memorial to the women who served in the Second World War mentioned the memorials in St Paul's Cathedral and York Minster which commemorate only those women who served in the First World those who served in the last war.

In the Scottish National War Memorial at Edinburgh Castle, not only are Scors servicewomen who died in both world wars and subsequent conflicts recorded, but a wider commemoration of the unique role of women is inscribed on the bronze plague in the area devoted to their memory. The

dedication reads: In honour of all Scotswomen who amid the stress of war sought by their labours sympathy and prayers to obtain for their country the blessings of peace.

I suggest that this commemoration may appeal to those MPs calling for a memorial statue.

Yours faithfully HUGH MACKAY (Secretary to the Trustees. Scottish National War Memorial), The Castle, Edinburgh 1. October 30.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Kate Parsons (retd)

Sir, The Second World War memorial dedicated in April 1949 in St Martin's Church, Liskeard, Cornwall, depicts on the left-hand side of the carved coloured panel the three Armed Services, including WRNS, ATS and WRAF. On the right-hand side it shows five figures depicting a fireman, a nurse. a

Lesson from France

From Mr P. A. Hearne

Sir, One of the strengths of a system of higher education is its ability to develop the nation's strata of the intellectually gifted - a fact well demonstrated by France's intensive two-year selection process for the grandes écoles. from whence come their extremely capable top-level administrators and managers.

Whilst it may be totally at odds with "political correctness". I would suggest that a student finance scheme which provided a system of scholarships for those with the best A-level results and an increasing scale of fees for the less successful, could be a valu-

Newcastle Emlyn, Ceredigion.

ipopkins@aol.com

able method of raising the overall performance of UK Ltd.

It would have the knock-on effect of encouraging the development of A-level standards, something to the benefit of all sixth-formers, and at the graduate/post-graduate level would create a wider and more numerous intellectual elite for UK's managerial requirements in the 21st century.

Likewise, by deterring those who are less dedicated or less suited to university learning, it would free up resources and funds to the benefit of the whole educational system.

Yours faithfully, P. A. HEARNE. The Limes, Wateringbury, Kent. November 1.

Strokes and polyglots Santa stamps From Mrs Felicity Little

From Mr John Popkins

Sir, The Christmas stamps (letter, Sir, My father suffered a stroke three October 31) depict St Nicholas, 4thyears before he died and, on regaining century Bishop of Myra. consciousness, spoke only in Weish which was his first language (letters, October 22 and 29). He had not spoken Welsh on a

He is a symbol of loving, anonymous giving. He is not dressed up as in a department store, but unseen. He should be a bearer of small treats. given with love, in a Christian spirit. Yours faithfully,

FELICITY LITTLE, Font House, Teffont Magna, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

New spin on the Crabtree legend

From Lord McNally

Sir, As a spin-doctor (retired) of some repute, I must protest at the irresponsible use made by Nick Nuttall (report. "Academic joke that grew into a legend", October 27) of the entirely offthe-record, for background only and unautributable briefing I gave him about the Joseph Crabtree Founda-

If a chap can't make the odd comment from the saloon bar of the Red Lion without finding it all in the public prints, where is it all going to end? I resent in particular the implication in the story that Crabtree Orations are simply a cover for drinking wine amidst academic ribaldry. Let the slanders and the speculation cease at

At the next meeting of the foundation, to be held at University College London in February 1998 (dinner at 5.30pm for 8pm), that serious and sober gathering will receive a full, detailed and definitive statement on the future of Crabtree scholarship.

Until that statement is made I hope The Times will resist relying on background briefings in discussing Crabtree. Such speculation only damages the reputation of a great man and undermines work on a thesis. "Crabtree and Gordon Brown - are they related?", which is already beginning to excite the interest of Crabtree scho-

Yours faithfully, McNALLY. House of Lords. October 28.

Anne Boleyn's note

From Mr E. P. Wilson

Sir. Dalya Alberge's absorbing account of Anne Boleyn's book of hours (report and illustrations, October 27) notes that, below a miniature of the Last Judgment, Anne had written the words "Le temps viendra". Ms Kay Sutton, Christie's manuscript consultant, commented: "Who knows what

she meant by that?" The answer is that the words are a variant of the first part of an Old French proverb Ung jour vient qui tout paié (Froissart, Chroniques, cl390). In English it is first recorded in Thomas Lupton's Singila: Too good. to be true (1580): "A common saying. A day will come shall pays for al". The unscription "Une heure vienare tout paiera" appears on the tomb of a medieval Flemish knight and prompted a poem with that title in Rennell

Rodd's Songs in the South (1881). The relevance of the proverb for a Last Judgment scene is obvious, as is the grim dramatic irony of its applica-

tion to Anne Boleyn. Yours faithfully E. P. WILSON, Worcester College, Oxford.

October 27.

Favourite firsts From Mr David Oldbury

Sir, Admirers of the opening lines of novels would do well to consult Godfrey Smith's Beyond the Tingle Quotient (Weidenfeld & Nicolson). in which he quotes many of the opening lines noticed by your readers (October

18, 20, 25, 27) and many more. My favourite was supplied to Mr Smith by your own Bernard Levin. An indolent Oxford undergraduate had done no work for three years and in explanation to his tutor claimed to have been writing a novel. When pressed for a reading, the undergrad-uate extemporised: "Mabel's naked body quivered in ecstatic anticipation

I am, Sir, yours truly, DAVID OLDBURY. Mackean House, The Precincts, Rochester, Kent, November 1

Choc horror

From Adam Grant

of the descending lash."

Sir. I have two simple suggestions for renaming chocolate this side of the Channel (report, "All because the Belgians do not like Milk Tray". October 24): British Chocolate, or simply. Better Than Yours .

Yours faithfully, ADAM GRANT (aged 14), 36 Hall Park Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. Essex. Ocotober 27.

From Mrs Mary R. Elliott

Sir, ingredients are already written on chocolate bars: what's wrong with British (Milk) Chocolate if that would keep the peace with Europe?

Sincerely, MARY R. ELLIOTT, 17 Morningside Road, Edinburgh.

From Mrs June Brough Sir. As the High Court has ruled that

Cadbury's may not market Swiss Chalet chocolate (report and illustration. October 30) in case people think it is made in Switzerland, where do they think that Mars bars come from? Yours faithfully,

JUNE BROUGH. 43 Marshwood Croft. Halesowen, West Midlands. j.m.brough@bham.ac.uk October 30.



COURT CIRCULAR

The Prince of Wales visited the

Margate House housing project

and was briefed on the regenera-

His Royal Highness afterwards met young people on enterprise

training courses funded by the

Nations Trust and the Department

The Prince of Wales sub-

for International Development.

sequently met prizewinners of a British Council environment essay

His Royal Highness afterwards officially opened the Sandton Hil-

This evening The Prince of Wales attended a concert in aid of

the Nations Trust at the Johannes-

burg Athletics Stadium with Mr Thabo Mbeki (Vice-President of

November I: The Duke of Glouces-

ter, Trustee, this morning attended a trustees' meeting at the British

November 2: The Duke of Edin-

burgh, Founder and Chairman of

the International Trustees of The

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Inter-

national Association, today at-tended the Sixth International

Award Forum of The Duke of

Edinburgh's Award International

Association in Wellington, New

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended a Reception

for the Outward Bound Trust at

Government House, Wellington. The Duke of Edinburgh later

Award New Zealand Fellowship

Reception at the Botanic Gardens,

November 2: The Prince Edward,

Trustee and Chairman of the

International Council. The Duke

of Edinburgh's Award Inter-

national Association, continued his visit to Wellington, New Zea-land, for the Sixth International

His Royal Highness this morn-

ing attended the International Council meeting followed by a

Luncheon at Government House

for the sponsors of the Forum.
The Prince Edward this evening

attended a Reception for the World Fellowship of the Award and the

Friends of the New Zealand Award

His Royal Highness later at-

tended a Dinner at Scots College.

November 2: The Princess Royal

President, The Princess Royal

Trust for Carers, this afternoon

launched the North and West

Glasgow Carers Centre's Informa-

tion Pack at Jury's Glasgow Hotel, Great Western Road, and after-

wards visited the North and West

Glasgow Carers Centre, 1561 Great

Western Road, and was received

of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, President

Save the Children fund, later

artended a Reception for volun-

teers, children and young people

and other supporters on board

HMY Britannia, Glasgow.

at the Botanic Gardens.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 1: The Duke of Edinburgh. Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, today attended the Sixth International Award Forum in Wellington, New Zealand

His Royal Highness, President, this afternoon attended a Reception of the English Speaking Union of the Commonwealth at Government House, Wellington. The Duke of Edinburgh this

vening attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award New Zealand Reception and Dinner at the Plaza national Hotel, Wellington. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 1: The Prince Edward. Trustee and Chairman of the International Council. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning arrived in Wellington. New Zea land, and was received by the Governor-General (the Rt Hon Sir

Michael Hardie Boys). His Royal Highness later visited EDS Headquarters to meet the staff and EDS Award holders. The Prince Edward this after-

noon attended a meeting of the International Trustees, followed by Luncheon at the Wellington His Royal Highness later attended a Reception for LINK given

by the British High Commissioner (His Excellency Mr Robert Alston) t the residence.
The Prince Edward this evening attended a Reception and Dinner for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in New Zealand at the

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November I: The Princess Royal. President. The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited the Card Carers Centre.

Silk Street. Paisley, and was received by Commander Henry Abram (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Her Royal Highness afterwards

visited the University of Paisley, High Street, Paisley, in its cen-tenary year and laid a foundation stone for a new library.
The Princess Royal this after-

noon visited the Princess Louise Scottish Hospital (Erskine Hospital). Bishopton.

Her Royal Highness later opened a new Royal Sailors' Rest. Bracholm, East Montrose Street, Helensburgh, and was received by Mr Archibald Mackenzie (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dun-

The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this eve ning attended a Reception and Dinner on board HMY Britannia,

ST JAMES'S PALACE November I: The Prince of Wa was received by President Mandela this morning at Mahlamba Ndlopfu, Pretoria, South Africa, and was later entertained to Luncheon by The

President. His Royal Highness this after-

noon visited Johannesburg.

Birthdays today

Viscount Linley celebrates his 36th birthday today.

Other birthdays include: Miss Roseanne Arnold, actress, 45; Lord Baker of Dorking, CH, 63; Mr C.W. Beveridge, chief executive, Scottish Enterprise. 52; Lord Biffen. 67; Mr Charles Bronson, actor, 75: Mr Nicholas Budgen former MP, 60; the Earl of Caith ness, 49; Sir Kenneth Corley, former chairman, Joseph Lucas (Industries), 89; Miss Violetta El-vin, ballerina, 72; Mr Roy Emerson, rennis player, ól; Mrs Jean Floud. former Principal. Newnham College Cambridge, 82; Mr Michael Gallemore, iomer Editor. The Sporting Life, 53; Mr Larry Holmes, boxer, 48; Sir Ludovic Kennedy, broadcaster, 78; former Lord Mayor of London, 60; the Earl of Lonsdale, 75; Lulu, singer and actress, 49; the Earl of Meath. 87; Major-General Viscount Monckion of Brenchley, 82; Mr Kenneth Morgan, former director, Press Complaints Com-mission, 69; the Earl of Northesk, 43; Mr Conor Cruise O'Brien, journalist and author, 80; Sir Timothy Raison, former MP, 68; Mr Albert Reynolds, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ire-land, 65; Mr Vanni Treves, senior partner, Macfarlanes, 57; Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster, 65; Mr Ian Wright, footballer, 34.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will open the Centre for Industrial and Medical informatics, Nottingham University, at 10.45; will visit William Alvey Junior School, Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, at 2.15; and will open the Shaw Linc Centre, Broadgate House, Westlode Street, Spalding at 3.30.

The Princess Royal, as Honorary President of the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association, will stum of Scottish Motor Neuron Disease associations at the Glasgow Hilton, William Street, at 10; as president, Save the Children Fund, will visit their shops at 165 Byres Road at 11.10 and 229-301 Sauchiehall Street, 11.50; as President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend the 25th anniversary of the Dixon Com-munity, City Chambers, at 12.25; and will attend the Prudential Carers initiative - Carers Calendar Schools Competition Awards at Kirkstane House, 139 St Vincent Street, at 2.35. Later, as Honorary President of the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association, the Princess Royal will

attend a dinner of Scottish Motor Neurone Disease associations at the Glasgow Hilton, at 7.30. The Duke of Kent, as Patron, the Institute of Export, will attend the annual prizegiving at Mansion House at 4.45.

Service dinner

Ayrshire Yeomanry Association Major P.N.B. Kennedy, Honorary Colonel of the Ayrshire Squadron i the Scottish Yeomanry at the annual regimental dinner held by officers, serving and retired, of the Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry, which was held at Yeomanry House, Ayr, on Saturday evening. Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur was the principal guest.

1,300-year glass craft tradition could end

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By A STAFF REPORTER

THE 1,300-YEAR tradition of glassmaking in the North East is under threat as a factory faces closure in Sunderland.

The Venetians guarded the secrets of glassmaking with their lives but the skills handed down through generations of Sunderland workers are now up for sale.

Glass-blowing craftsmen in danger of redundancy at the Hartley Wood glassworks have appealed to the new National Glass Centre, which is based in Sunderland, to

step in.
Management of the El6 million glass centre is negotiating to raise £750,000 to incorporate Hartley Woods as a living commercial factory within its walls. The centre hopes to employ some of the six workers when it opens in

June next year.
Glass-blowing on Wearside
was established in AD674 by a Benedictine monk, who was searching for stained glass for the monastery of St Peter's at Monkwearmouth.

Ernie Rice, works manager at Hartley Woods, said: "Our glassmaking heritage could disappear. It would be a bit of a dead duck if visitors to the glass centre had to watch people making double glazing."
Offers have been made to

the workers to train Germans in the closely guarded techniques of manufacturing mouth-blown antique-style glass, but that would undermine the products the National Glass Centre hopes to make when it opens.

Mr Rice added: "These are all young men with families

A FEW very late swallows are still

passing through Britain on their

way south. More winter visitors

are coming in: among the scarcer arrivals recorded last week were

great grey shrikes, which pounce

down on beetles from the top of hawthorn bushes, and shore larks

It has been a very green autumn

so far, and many Lombardy poplars and weeping willows are

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James Dorothy tests a piece of glass for colour at the Hartley Woods glassworks

and mortgages. They don't want to leave Sunderland. But they could be gone — and the skills with them — by the time anyone does anything about

Alan Sykes, of the National

still in their summer foliage. Plane

trees are changing colour, and are spangled with yellow and brown:

their bobble-like seeds will no

crumble and fall until next spring.

abundant ivy flowers are giving way to black fruit. The blue flowers of field speedwell linger on in the cornfields among decay-

Holly berries are plump and

Glass Centre, admitted that no guarantees could be made on jobs but said that the men from Harrley Wood would be the first to be considered next year. There are more jobs being created at the glass

centre than are being lost at Hartley Wood," he added. "I am confident there will be opportunities for them and they have a very, very good chance of being taken on when we open.

Dinners

Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine

Sir Ronald Oxhurgh, FRS, Rector of the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, pre-sided at a gala dinner which was held at the Hyatt Park Hotel, Johannesburg, yesterday to cele-brate the centenary of the City and Guilds College Association. The guests included Mr Mark Lyall Grant, Deputy British High Commissioner, and Dr Anthony Denton, president of the

Henry George Foundation

in London Lord Shuttleworth, President of the Association of Lancastrians in

the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom, held at the Royal College of 28. Professor Peter Stomer was immediate Past Presi Asscher, immediate Past President, took the Chair at the Annual Dinner. Rabbi Julia Neuberger was the guest of honour.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C.K. Cohen and Miss P.J. Jenkins The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Canon and Mrs Cive Cohen, of Winterslow, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terrence Jenkins, of Marshfield. Captain D.M. Herring

and Miss P.H. Foster The engagement is announced between David Herring, MBE, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael
Herring, of South Lecestershire. and Pippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Foster, of

Mr N.O. Lewin and Miss A.E. Hickman The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Lewin, of Beverston, Gloucestershire, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Hickman, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr J.A. Yorke and Miss A.M. Hall Hall The engagement is announced between Johnny, elder sun of Mr and Mrs David Yorke, of Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Alexandra, youngest daughter of the late Dr Francis Hall Hall and of Mrs Hall Hall, of Westminster, London, formerly of Chichester, West Sussex.

Marriages

The Marquess of Linlithgow and Auriol Lady Ropner A service of blessing was held on Saurday at Christ Church, Bwlchy-Cibau, Powys, after the marriage of the Marquess of Linkithgow to Auriel Lady Ropner.

Mr B. Collings and Lady Louisa Gordon Lennox The marriage took place on Saturday at Boxgrove Priory, Chichester, of Mr Ben Collings, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Collings, of Thruxton, Herefordshire, to Louisa, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, of Goodwood, Chich-ester, West Sussex. The Rev Peter Wells officiated, assisted by Canon

Jeremy Haselock.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Lady Alexandra Gordon Lennox, Lord Settrington. Michaela Handy, Emily Reynolds Lucy Reynolds, Charlotte Collings Harriet Collings and Frank Collings Mr Craig Collings was best man and a reception was held at the home of the bride.

The Hon A.D. Leslie Melville and Mrs M.J. Havwood

The marriage took place on November I, at Killearnan Parish Church, between the Hon Alan Leslie Melville, of Fingask, Kirkhill, Inverness, and Mrs Sally Haywood, of Fettes Farmhouse. Muir of Ord, Ross-shire. The Rev Susan Brown officiated.

Anniversaries

minster Abbey, 1470; Aurangzeb, Mogul Emperor of India 1658-1707, Dohad, 1618; William Cullen Bryant, poet, Cummington, Massachusetts, 1794; André Malraux, writer and politician, Paris, 1901. DEATHS: Annie Oakley. can rifle markswoman, 1926; Béla Kun, revolutionary, 1937; Henri Matisse, painter, Nice, 1954. The town of Abruzzi in Italy was destroyed by an earthquake, 1706. About 15,000 people died. Laika, a Russian dog, was sent into space in Sputnik II, 1957.

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Nature notes

All is straightforward to those with understanding, all is plain to those who have knowledge. Proverbs 8:9 BIRTHS

CAVE - To Mary-Ann (née Austin) and Robin, a son, George Arthur Vincent, at home on 23rd October, a

WALKER- To Tom and Lucy (ase Burlett) on October 31st at The John Badeliffe, Oxford, a son (George Baskerville Stephen).

DEATHS

BELLINGHAM - Jill of Beckenham, Kent. Feacefully at St Christopher's Reepice on October 27th. Loving and much loved wife of Alastair and mother of James, Richard and Paul Funeral Service at Beckenham Mathodist Church on Private cremation. Flowers from close family only please; donations to St Christopher's Hospice of H. Copeland & Son Ltd., 9 Bromley Road, Beckenham, Kent EES SNT.

BOOTHMAR - William Darker om 30th October 1997, aged 94 years, of Pinner. Beloved bushand of Joan and father of Anthea, judy and Martin, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service to be held at Breakspear. Cromatorium, Ruislip on Taursday 6th November at 0.65 on Examila Joseph Crematorium, Ruisilp on Thursday 6th November at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to ENIB of 7.A. Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Widdleson

BROUGHTON - Rodney Varmon on 29th October died pencafully in hospital, much forth Husband of Beryl and father of Rachael Funesal Thursday 6th Novamber at 2.15 pm, St Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill Flowers, or donations if desired to Northwick Park Hospital Leukpeinia Research Trust Pund clo Saville & Son Ltd., 107 High Street, Wealdstone, Harrow HAS 5DL. Tel: 0181 427 6739/1961.

6739/1961.

BURKIN - On October 29th 1997 suddenly at home. Charles aged 77 years. A much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service of Thursbyliving at \$1 Lewtence Church, Chobbam, on Fidity Movember. 7th at 11.45 am, followed by private cremation. Family Howers only. Domations if desired to United Came Challenge of the Woking Funeral Service; 119-121 Goldsworth Boad, Woking, GU21 11.8, tel: (01483) 772266.

DEATHS

ELIGNSTON - peacefully on 27th October 1997 Charles, aged 65 years, much loved by Trish and family Femeral Service at St Margaret's. Church, Ditchling, Followed by interment at Ditchling Cometary on Tuesday 4th November 1997 at 11,00am. Flowers or donations if desixed for the New Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, maybe sant to Frank Davby & Co. 31 High Street, Hurst Petr Point, West Sussex E86 97T. Tel: 01273 832179

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HYDLEMAN - Anesta.
Peacetuily at Leicester
General Hospital after a
long illness. Widow of
Godfrey Michael, much
loved mother of Jules and
Laura and grandmother to
Jessica, Augusta, Isaac,
Poppy, Holly, Posy and
Fergus. Will be greatly
missed by all family and
friends. Service 230 pm at
Loughborough Cremannium
on Tuesday 4th November,
No flowers, donations to
Leicestershire Mental
Health Services, RHS Trust,
Ward S.

MEDGLEY - Norman Mitchel MEMBELTY - Norman Minchell.
Unacupectedly yet peacefully
in his sleep on 29th October:
1997 Norman, husband of
the into Ursula, father of
Robert, Peter, Paula and
Miles and brother of
Margaret. A funeral service
will be held at Mortomball
Crematorium Pentised

which all themes are invited.

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peacefully in London on
October 29th. Professor.
Anthony Hugh Wade Niss,
much lowed husband of
Sirgitia, father of Peter and
Kristins and grandfather of
Oliver. Simon, Thomas,
James and William Private
cremation on Wednesday,
November 5th. Memorial
Service to be arranged.
Family flowers only,
Donations to Cancer
Essearch Campaign c/o

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O'KANE - Dt. Bernard John
CRE Ph.D. B.Eng. C.Eng.
MIEE Suddenly at his home
in Harrow on the Hill on
24th October 1997. Pumersi
at West Chapel Breakspeats
Crematorium Ruisily on
Monday 10th November
1997 at 1246 pm. Enquiries
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London, accompanied by Lady Shuttleworth, presided at the an-nual dinner and dance held on Saturday at the Falcon Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon. Faculty of Pharmaceutical

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Gerard Corley Smith, CMG, former Ambassador to Ecuado: died on October 7 aged 88. He was born on July 30, 1909.

lthough he had a long and distinguished career in the diplomatic service. Gerard Corley Smith will be particularly remembered for his close involvement with the cause of conservation in the Galapagos Islands. His association with the islands began in 1962, when as Ambassador to Ecuador he attended the official opening of the Charles Darwin Research Station, and gained an insight into the unique wonders of that archipelago and the strenuous efforts being made to safeguard them for the future. It was a cause that he was to espouse for the rest of his life.

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Gerard Thomas Corley Smith was educated at Bolton School and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. In 1931 he entered the General Consular Service, and over the next 15 years he served in Paris, Oran. Detroit, La Paz, Milan, St Louis and Brussels. He first came to international attention in 1949 when, as the British representative on the UN Economic and Social Council in New York, he was chosen to present the case against the Soviet forced labour camps, or gulags, the existence of which was only then beginning to be revealed to the world. It was a task that predictably earned him the anger and disapproval of the Eastern bloc delegations and their press.

Europe in 1952, and in the Corley Smith returned to same year was appointed CMG. His next posting was to Paris, where he served for two years as press counsellor at the British Embassy. From there he went to Madrid to take up the appointment as labour counsellor at the British Em-

bassy, 1954-59. With this wide experience, Corley Smith became Ambassador to Haiti in 1960. It was not an easy posting, nor could it have been under the harrowing and deeply oppressive regime of François ("Papa Doe") Duvalier. Years later, Corley Smith would recall his



tian people, who greeted him with their friendly "Bonjour Blanc!" (a Creole expression for "Hello, stranger!") as he took himself bird-watching in the hills. But the misrule there, the mistrust he saw, and the "atmosphere of brooding terror" became increasingly hard to bear.

Once again, Corley Smith was chosen as spokesman, this time for a delegation of ambassadors protesting against the extortion being practised on foreigners by the Tontons Macoute, Duvalier's infamous bogeymen and secret police. When he was asked by the Haitian Minister for Foreign Affairs who was doing the extortion, Corley Smith replied "the Tontons Mac-oute". "Who are they? I never heard of them," objected the

need only ask the first person he met in the street, he was given 48 hours to leave the country, on Duvalier's order. The beleaguered regime added: "The Haitian Government has made it known to this famous ambassador . . . that his impertinence and haughtiness as a British colonialist would not be tolerated."

Corley Smith's next appointment was to Ecuador in 1962. In Ouito he found an altogether more congenial atmo-sphere, and unlimited scope in the country around him to pursue his interest in ornithology. Staff at the embassy soon took it as a matter of course that his official duties would be interspersed with birdwatching trips to the Andes. An interest in high-altitude hummingbirds brought him

National Museum of Natural History in Paris, an authority on these birds who was also President of the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands.

A second journey to Galapagos followed in 1964, when Corley Smith joined the Duke of Edinburgh during his first visit to the archipelago on the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was a visit that had reneroussions for both men. The Duke would later become patron of the Charles Darwin Foundation: the ambassador "became hooked on Galapagos".

Throughout his remaining time in Ecuador, Corley Smith took a discreet but influential part in Galapagos affairs. embracing the idea that wildlife-orientated tourism could be the key to economic stabil-ity for the islands, and helping

Snow Mission and Report. which gave recommendations for the administration of the future national park.

Corley Smith left Ecuador in 1967, and the following year the new National Parks Service of Ecuador came into existence. The newly retired ambassador was lured to join the executive council of the Charles Darwin Foundation. The first meeting he attended was in England, at Down House, Darwin's former home, where members saw in the tall, silver-haired and distinguished-looking former diplomat a remarkable likeness to the portrait there of T. H. Huxley. In 1972, when Sir Thomas Barlow stepped down, Corley Smith took on the role of secretary-general of the foundation. It was a great coup for the ever-persuasive Dorst.

Over the next ten years Corley Smith served the foundation diligently and wholeheartedly. Those who worked with him during that period therish the memory of his quiet skill in handling complex problems, his sage advice, and the bravado with which he ran the show "from an attic bedroom, with one typist paid (and badly) by the hour". In addition, he edited, published and distributed 24 well-nourished" issues of the foundation's bulletin Noticias de Galapagos.

It was a buoyant period in Galapagos affairs. With his natural optimism and his gratitude to successive Ecuadorean administrations for their commitment to international science, Corley Smith helped to forge the remarkable alliance that grew between the national Government and this voluntary organisation. "Most crucially", as Dorst later wrote, "he perceived and understood the way the foundation had to meet and adapt to changing conditions in Ecuador.

On his retirement from the post of secretary-general, Corley Smith was awarded the Order "Al Mérito" by the Government of Ecuador for his services to science and conservation in the Galapogos Islands.

Corley Smith married Joan Haggard in 1937. She predead him, but he is su affection for the ordinary Hai- When Corley Smith said he Jean Dorst of the French to engineer the Grimwood- by a son and three daughters. | Gerladines vied for power. prospects were poor, so he be proved.

THE MARQUESS **OF ORMONDE**

Charles, 7th Marquess of Ormonde and Hereditary Chief Butler of Ireland, died in Chicago on October 25 aged 98. He was born on April 19. <u> 1899.</u>

CHARLES BUTLER became 7th Marquess of Ormonde unexpectedly in 1971, when he was exactly 72 years old. Until 1967 he had little idea that he was in direct line for the title. but was tracked down in Illinois by Eion O'Mahony, the eccentric Irish MP and barrister. With the Marquess ate, he also became 25th Earl of Ormonde, Earl of Ossory, Viscount Thurles in the peer age of Ireland, Baron Ormonde in the peerage of the United Kingdom and 31st Chief Butler of Ireland.

This last title gave him the most prestigious, and ancient hereditary title held by any family in the British Isles, but brought with it no necuniary advantage. Nor did he inherit Kilkenny castle, the much restored 12th-century turreted castle above the River Nore, which had been the ancestral home of the Ormondes since 1391. Empty and increasingly derelict since 1935, the castle was presented to a local committee by the 6th Marquess, a genial cavalryman, in 1967. and the South Tower is destined to become the headquarters of the Butler Society

The redoubtable O'Mahony gathered Charles Butler from America and made a dramatic last-minute arrival with him at the castle. The occasion was enlivened for local cameramen by the additional unexpected presence of Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull.

The new Marquess took his duties as head of the Butler clan most seriously and continued to preside with quiet dignity and good humour over the triennial Butler Rallies in Kilkenmy until the age of 95 (travelling to Ireland, with the help of his two daughters, on the last occasion in gleeful defiance of his doctor).

The history of the Butler family is entwined with that of Ireland since the days of the Anglo-Norman invasion, In ose days the Butlers and the



Henry II conferred the Chief Butlerage on the family in 1171 and they became Hereditary United States. Chief Butlers of Ireland in 1185. They became Earls in 1328, were Dukes from 1682 until 1758, and Marquesses in

descendant of the Marquess. John Hubert Theobald Charles Butler was born in London and raised in Ulcombe in Kent, where his father, the Rev Lord James Butler, was rector until 1923. His mother, Annabella Reid Gordon, also came from a church family, her father being rector of Chetwynd, Salop.

1816 and again from 1825.

Charles Butler was a lineal

He was educated at Haileybury and Sandhurst and commissioned into the King's Royal Rifle corps. Too young to serve at the front in the First World War, he was confined to the isle of Sheppey where he stayed with the reserve battalion until he was 19. In May 1918 he travelled with his regiment to France, but after four months he was gassed and ended the war in hospital.

Subsequently he served for three years with the Army of Occupation, was awarded a military MBE, but was then ordered to join a battalion of his regiment in Rawalpindi. He disliked India and his chance of promotion was poor. He therefore left the Army and joined his sister and her sband in China. Again his

accepted the offer of an influential American to work in the

To achieve this, he travelled home to Britain on the Trans-Siberian Railway, and joined his family in Bournemouth, where he stayed until 1928, at which point he was able to be part of the allowed quota of immigrants to America. He remained there for the 12st of his life, and, though engaged in a number of trading ctivities, he retained the loo; of a soldier. In America he c id not use his title and was always

cailed Charles Butler. At this point in his life, he was sixth in line to be marquess and it never occurred to him that he would succeed to the title. He did so because the son of the 5th Marquess died aged 23 in 1940, the 6th Marquess had only girls, and his own elder brother died

with no children in 1945. He married twice. His first wife was Nan, daughter of Garth Gilpin, of Riverside, Illinois. They were married in 1935 and had two daughters. She died in 1973 and three years later he married another American, Mrs Elizabeth Liles, daughter of Charles B. Rarden. She died in Ninsdale, Illinois, in 1980. He is survived by his two daughters.

The Marquessate dies with him, but he will be succeeded in the Earldom of Ormonde by another member of the Butler family. This is probably 17th Viscount Mountgarret, but the succession will have to

DR STANLEY ELLISON

Stanley Ellison, founder of Family and Youth Concern, died on October 5 aged 73. He was born on August 4, 1924.

THROUGH his medical practice in the 1960s. Stanley Ellison came increasingly to believe that many patients were suffering not from unavoidable medical conditions, but from the consequences of breakdown in family life. His concern duly led to the foundation of Family and Youth Concern, which campaigned to halt this erosion of traditional values and to draw attention to its effects.

Stanley Esmond Ellison was born in London and educated at Highgate School, before being evacuated to Australia with his mother and brother in 1940. There he was attracted to general medical practice, through the influence of his uncle, who was a doctor in a working-class district of Melbourne.

Ellison began reading medicine at Melbourne University. but on the family's return to England he took his degree at Charing Cross Hospital, where he won the medal for best student of his year.

After graduating he soon built a flourishing practice in North-West London, specialising in women and children. but at the end of the 1960s he switched to occupational medicine. He joined a clinic on an industrial estate in Harlesden, which also served the Central Middlesex and



Royal Free hospitals. He became its director, and for 20 years until his retirement in 1984 was responsible for the welfare of a large workforce. He was a fine diagnostician. and believed in the unique importance of each individual

By the end of the 1960s. some of the side-effects of a decade of personal liberation were beginning to show up in doctors' surgeries. Ellison wrote a letter to The Times, beginning "Is it not about time ..." and ending "... before it is too late." Published on October 11, 1969, it deplored some of the trends of the age as demoralising the community, and pointed to what he saw as the indisputable symptoms: Venereal disease is increasing. Termination of pregnancy is increasing. Drug addiction is increasing. Hooliganism is

creasing. Gambling is increasing."
The letter called for "men and women who believe in the decent way of life" to "step forward and say so". The response was such that a society, first called the Responsible Society, was formed in 1971, with the aim of promoting a sound sexual morality

based on medical and educa-

tional research. During the 1970s, Ellison and the Responsible Society campaigned against the encouragement to sexual gratification aimed at boys and girls by teenage magazines, which were discussing sexual techniques in increasingly vivid detail. Family and Youth Concern went on to protest at the Government's use of taxpayers' money to support bodies such as the Family Planning Information Service, which it saw as working not for those

who were planning families, but to promote "sexual intercourse at the earliest possible opportunity". The British Medical Council

became another of Ellison's targets, for making it a policy to overrule the wishes of parents when girls wished to receive contraceptive advice in secret. He was outraged to find that the BMA's policy was that "the sexual activity of an individual is so personal that it should not be a subject to be controlled by others". In 1992, Ellison was one of a

group of doctors who accused the Brook Advisory Centres of threatening the health of girls below the age of consent by prescribing the Pill without telling their GPs. The centres, they said, were ignoring a written warning from a Birmingham coroner that GPs should be informed before contraceptives were issued. He had given this warning after holding an inquest into a 12-year-old who had died while on the Pill. The girl's mother had previously had a heart attack while taking the contraceptive, and the girl had been advised not to take it by

her own doctor. More recently, after the murder of the London headmaster Philip Lawrence, Ellison supported the campaign started in The Times by Lawrence's widow, calling for more attention to be paid to discipline and for more public support for the family.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, and two daughters.

Arthur Tracy, popular singer, died in New York on October 6 aged 97. He was born in Ukraine on

June 25, 1900.

DURING the 1930s and early 1940s there were few more famous radio and recording stars than Arthur Tracy. With his suave style and extremely sentimental ballads he captured the hearts of housewives across America and later in Britain. His voice was somewhere between a baritone and a tenor - he himself described it as a "baritenor". He claimed that his biggest influence had been the opera singer Enrico Caruso, and that even as a child he had spent most of his pocket money on Caruso

Born Abraham Tratsefofski in the Ukraine, he emigrated to Philadelphia at the age of six with his parents. The family was poor, and he received little education and no musical training. Asked in an interview how he had come to be known as "The Street Singer", he claimed that he had sung in the streets for pennies to help his family; one of his most enduring and profitable hits in his career was Pennies from Heaven, later to be used as the theme tune for Dennis Potter's tele-

vision series and film. After taking first place in a singing competition he was spotted by the powerful theatre producers the Schubers, and subsequently played leading roles on tour in light

ARTHUR TRACY

perettas such as The Student Prince and Blossom Time. He also appeared in vaudeville with such stars as Will Rogers, W. C. Fields and Gypsy Rose

He was quickly noticed by Columbia Records who put him under contract. A stream of hits followed, memorable among them Marta and such other syrupy confections as Roses of Picardy, It's a Sin to Tell a Lie, It's my Mother's Birthday Today, Just a Poor Street Singer and In a Gypsy Tea Room. The 78s were available everywhere, together with the song sheets which

Tracy's forte was radio. particularly American commercial programmes, where he appeared with such names as Groucho Marx. Jack Benny and Bing Crosby, who was

sold in their thousands.

considered to be a rival. In Hollywood he made a guest appearance in The Big Broadcast in 1932, and then came to Britain to top the bill at the London Palladium the same year. His picture still hangs in the Palladium Hall of Fame. He made numerous tours in

Britain, mainly for the powerful Moss Empire Circuit, top-ping the bill above such names as Vic Oliver and Billy Bennett. For a while Britain became his second home. He scored a notable success in the film Limelight in 1936 alongside Anna Neagle; it was followed by The Street Singer with Margaret Lockwood (1937) and Follow Your Star with Lili Palmer in 1938.

He returned to the United States in 1940 but gradually his style of singing came to be regarded as passé, and he was virtually forced into retirement. During the 1960s, however, he was almost rediscovered, much to his delight. Record companies both in the United States and the United Kingdom started to re-release his material, and he was in constant demand on television and radio talk shows. Flourishing fan clubs gave him publicity and he was a regular visitor to Britain where ageing housewives would mob him at Heathrow airport, still asking for his autograph and presenting him with small gifts. In 1996 he was awarded a gold CD to mark the huge sales of his records over 60 years.

He was married three

Church news

New Dean of Truro The Rev Michael Moxon, Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor, has been appointed Dean of Truro Cathedral in succession to the Very Rev David Shearlock, who resigns

Other appointments The Rev Christine Allsopp, Team Vicar, Bracknell (Oxford), to be Team Rector, Bourne Valley

on December 31.

The Rev Rodney Biddle, Priest-in-Charge, Shrewsbury St George of Cappadocia (Lichfield), to be Rec-tor, Newport with Longford, Chetwynd and Forton (same

The Rev Stephen Bowen, Assistant Curate, Gloucester St James and All Saints (Gloucester, to be Priest-in-Charge, Woodchester and

Brimscombe (same diocese). The Rev John Buckley, Vicar. Wentworth (Sheffield), to be Christian Aid Co-ordinator for South

and East Yorkshire (same diocese). The Rev Lakshmi Deshpande, Assistant Curate, Long Eaton St John (Derby), to be Chaplain, Trent University (Southwell). The Rev Bruce Driver, Vicar, Rickmansworth St Mary the Virgin (St Albans), to be Vicar,

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Northwood Hills St Edmund the King (London). The Rev Grantley Finlayson, Team Vicar, West Slough (Oxford), to be Diocesan Officer for Race

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Middleton St Mary the Virgin, and Rural Dean of Armley (Ripon), to be Vicar. Kirby-on-the-Moor, Cundall with Norton-le-Clay and Skehon-cum-Newby (same diocese). The Rev Margaret Jackson, Assistant Curate, Hatcham St Catherine (Southwark), to be Vicar. Mottingham St Edward the Confessor (same diocese),

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Chaplain. Birmingham, working within the commenical team of the Churches Industrial Group (Birmingham). Sister Susan Sharples, CA, to be Assistant Minister, Redditch St Stephen (Worcester) with special responsibility for children's work.

Retirements and resignations The Rev Brian Dorrington, Rector, Kilkhampton with Morwenstow, and Rural Dean of Stratton (Truro), to retire on November 30. The Rev Ian Firmstone, Team Vicar, Stanground with Facet (Ely), to retire on November 30. The Rev Graham Palmer, Vicar, Fulham St Alban with St Augustine (London) retired October 31. The Rev John Prothero, Rector, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds with Wysall and Widmerpool (South-

Canon Richard Thomson, Vicar. Reigate St Mary Magdalene (Southwark), retires December 6. The Rev Owen Swan, Rector, Holywell and Needingworth (Ely), to retire on December 9. The Rev Michael Wirnshurst. Vicar, Battersea St Peter and St

Paul (Southwark), September 30.

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well) to retire on December 31.

TAXI-CAB DRIVERS' DECISION

SIX THOUSAND MEN **OUT ON STRIKE**

The difficulty in the London taxi-cab industry became much more serious terday, as the result of a mass meeting of the drivers which was held at the Empress Theatre at Earl's Court, where, after a warning from the chairman as to the gravity of the step they were taking, the men decided unanimously and enthusiastically not to return to work until certain that their

grievances have been amicably settled.

The special "stop-note" which had been circulated among taxi-cab drivers on the previous day ordered all drivers who were working for federated masters or other firms who were adopting the same attitude to cease work, in order that they might attend the meeting at Earl's Court. Drivers who are also owners of their own cabs, and drivers employed by small proprietors, who are working in accord with their men, were exempt from this order and were supplied with permits, which ensured their freedom from molestation or interference. The cabs thus exempted, numbering in all about 1,000 or

ON THIS DAY

November 3, 1911

London taxi-cab drivers were angry that a driver sacked by a Masters' Federation employer was boycotted by the rest of the federation and was unable to work.

1,500, out of London's 7,000 taxi-cabs, duly made their appearance yesterday morning flying a small flag marked, "Permit London

Cabdrivers' Trade Union." While the London streets were thus not entirely divested of taxi-cabs, the small supply available was nothing like sufficient to meet the demands of the traffic in the earlier part of the day. At the railway stations there was scarcely a motor-cab to be found, while in thoroughfares such as Queen Victoria-street, the morning traffic had shrunk to a mere fraction of its usual activity. One of the most noticeable features was the sudden re-appear

ance of the horsed cabs. At many of the ranks

there was a reversion to the conditions of ten years ago, a long row of four-wheeled and hansom cabs standing where previously there had been taxi-cabs. The command of the trade union was implicitly obeyed, and the yards of the big companies attached to the Masters'

Federation remained idle throughout the day. The decision of the men not to resume work was particularly trying for those who wished to visit the theatres last night, especially as the weather was anything but favourable. At 8 o'clock the Trafalgar-square rank was deserted, while in the Haymarket only two motor-cabs, each of them displaying the official permit, were to be found. Piccadilly-circus and Shaftesbury-avenue were better

provided, though horse cabs predominated. Some of the more enterprising theatres had arranged during the day for a contingent of "permit" cabs to be in attendance at the end of the evening, and their forethought was justified. At 11 o'clock of 35 cabs on the Leicester-square ranks not one was a taxi-cab, while in Shaftesbury-avenue only five cabs. two of them motor-cabs, were on the rank, in Trafalgar-square the rank was untenanted, and in Northumberland-avenue there was one soliliary hansom cab. From the hotels and the theatres in the Strand there was much whistling for taxi-cabs, but hardly one was obtained.

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Hague faces Euro vote showdown William Hague is preparing for a showdown with his pro-

European colleagues which could trigger the resignation of other Tory frontbenchers, including Sir George Young. The Conservative leader is demanding party unity over his

opposition to last June's Amsterdam Treaty but several pro-European MPs, including frontbenchers, have said that they would not vote against the treaty when it is debated in the Commons next week

Guifty plea could save nanny from jail

Louise Woodward may have to swallow her pride and plead guilty to manslaughter if she is to secure early freedom. The judge has the discretion to scrap her murder conviction and replace it with the lesser charge of manslaughter but only if she accepts a guilty plea Pages 1, 3

Truckers defy ban

British lorry drivers defied a Sunday driving ban as they tried to beat a blockade of major roads and ports by their striking French counterparts Pages 1, 13

A word a year A new dictionary has reduced the

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the Newbury bypass and Manchester Airport extension are converging on the site of the Birmingham Northern Relief Road, the next environmental battleground.....

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Prince Harry was taken to Rorke's Drift in the north of KwaZulu-Natal where, on January 22, 1879, a British force of fewer than 150 men held out against 4,000 Zulu warriors and gained 11 VCsPage 4

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Jesmond parish church, the largest in the Newcastle diocese, is refusing to accept the authority of its bishop because of his support ons inspection team were refused for homosexuals Page 5 entry to Iraq

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Judges are expected to be excluded from any compulsory register of Freemasons in the criminal justice system after a fresh clash between the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary _____Page 7

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Official exposé

The Home Secretary and the head of MI5 agreed that new allegations of bungling by the intelligence service could be published because they did not damage the agency's secret

Sorry aftermath

President Jiang Zemin's near apology for Tiananmen Square could have serious implications for Chinese politicsPage 11 Purge site revisited

For the first time relatives have been allowed to mourn in a Kare-

lia forest where 9,000 of Stalin's victims died Page 12 Saddam risks attack US congressional leaders backed military force against President

Saddam Hussein after three Am-

erican members of a UN weap-

Papal army faces recruitment crisis

■ The Swiss Guard, the Pope's personal protection force, is facing a recruitment crisis because of low pay, and is having difficulty finding a new commander. The 120 Swiss Guards are paid £8,500 a year and the commander little more than £12.000 The guards are traditionally recruited from four Swiss cantons and must be bachelors aged 18 to 25



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No quarantee: British retailers have been angered by European Union moves that would introduce automatic guarantees on electrical and other goods Page 48 Fund slump: Nicholas Roditi, the George Soros fund manager, has

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Sexual secret: Was Alfred Kinsev. whose Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male provoked a social revolution, a repressed homosexual? Today The Times begins serialisation of a new biography of Kinsey that suggests his methodology was an attempt to justify his ...Page 16 own sexuality... Passion: Elizabeth David's recipes

Predestined: Research on twins suggests that much of our identity

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hooked a nation. Her biographer,

Artemis Cooper, traces her passion

Moscow is struggling to preserve its role in Asia in the face of the growing power of China and Korean instability. Once the Kuriles question is out of the way, Japan and Russia would likely find a lot

of common interests in the region

- Mascow Times

9, 10, 14, 16, 37, 39. Bonus 28. Three shared a jackpot of E8.837.967 to win £2.945.989 each. five numbers plus the bonus ball. London: war memorials: Joseph while 690 winners with five numbers won £2,463; 43,623 with four balls won £85 and 948,598 with

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If the Papon trial has tapped a vein of unease about the apparent unaccountability of France's civil servants, in modern times as well as in the past, that surely is a matter for political remedy, not political sniping....

Hurt still works

Both Tony Blair and Margaret Thatcher won popular plaudits from taking on the old guard in their party. Mr Hague can affordPage 21 to do the same

The year of the word

The only safe bet about the new words of the next century is that they will pour forth in accelerated (numbers, describing and defining the astonishing journey of

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The Lord Chancellor belongs to a Government which constantly abuses the judgment of the people; he is wrong to keep the people's eye, the television camera, out of the English courts Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

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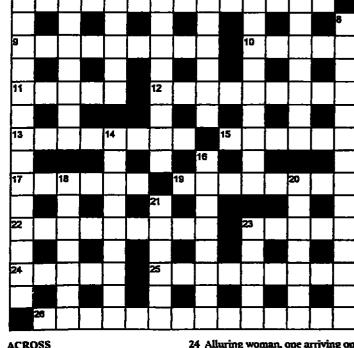
Europe and, especially in its present guise, the single currency, is the rock upon which the old structure and shape of our politics is breaking Page 20

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- tle birds (9). 10 Skilful performer? The devil he is!
- 11 Get accustomed to being rejected in tougher unions (5). 12 House key always must be put
- 13 Macho type left manuscript inside for course controller (8). # 15 Ram vehicle in front, leading to

hack, note (9).

- quarrel (4-2). 17 Sign English doctor found by the French motorway (6). 19 Plant needing special drainage
- 8 22 Mate attending trendy function in part of Asia (9).
- 23 Sweetheart making us lose our temper (5).

The solution of Saturday's Prize **Puzzle No 20,626** will appear next Saturday. The five winners wili each receive a £20 book token.

- 24 Alluring woman, one arriving or
- time (5). 25 One appearing in dreadful hole with lamp — Nightingale? (9).
- 26 Chivalrous behaviour of man coming in to protect royal artist

Confection delivered by Euro-pean or Asian transport? (7.7). None of Jones's animals were different (7). Find an explanation for only

accepting five (5). Came in as confused as a forgetful ретѕол (8).

5 Plant called upon to provide an opening for Ali Baba (6).6 Conventional cloak with fringe

7 Brilliantly playing elegy, absorbing bishop (7).

8 Like the controlled journeys of a couple of Vikings (14). 14 Provide information about vessel shown in drawing (9).

16 Offhand, but an artist made him laugh! (8). 18 They are nomads, i.e. bound to go wandering (7).
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in snug retreat (7). 21 Something very hard to remove from rocks like mine? (6). 23 Plants I'd removed from the

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Sun sets: 4.30 pm

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General: western and northern parts of Scotland will have some rain curing the day, it may drizzle along the east coast of Scotland, northeast England and western coasts of Northern Ireland but elsewhere it will be mainly dry. The best of the sunshine will be in Weles and certaral and southern England. Torright southwest England and

will be in Wales and central and southern England. Tonight southwest England and southern Wales will have rain. Northern Scotland will be cloudy. The rest of the UK will have clear spells but it may turn foggy. I London, SE England, E Angille, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales: early fog then long surnry spells. A moderate to tresh southeast wind May 13C (551)

Southeast wind. Max 13C (55F).

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Channel Islas, SW England: some

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England: drizze over hits. Dry elsewhere with surry spells. A brisk southeast wind. Max 12C (54F).

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Brisk southeast wind. Max 12C (54-).

NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney:
cloudy with some drizzly rain. A fresh
southeast wind. Max 11C (32F).

Stelland with some southeast wind. Max 11C (52F).

Shettand: windy with some rain and drizzle. Max 8C (46F).

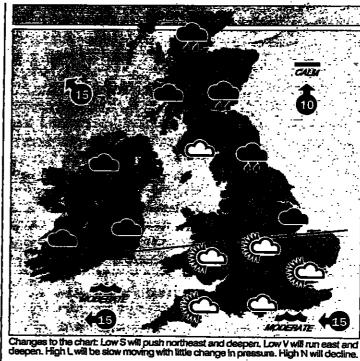
In Ireland: mostly dry and bright but some drizzle along the coast. A moderate southeast wind. Max 13C (55F).

Republic of Ireland: drizzle in places, then brightening. Wind southeast moderate. Max 12C (54F).

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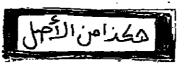


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SOUTHAMPTON SHOW THEY ARE HEADING



Le Tissier, rarely regarded as an aerial menace among Premiership defences, produces an emphatic header from Hirst's cross to set Southampton on course for victory yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Kendall's mood darkened by false dawn over Goodison

BY OLIVER HOLT POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

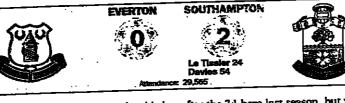
IN THE murk of a dank Merseyside afternoon, the jeers echoed around Goodison Park again yesterday. After the euphoria of their win over Liverpool a fortnight ago, a victory that promised to herald the start of better things, the despondency and disillusion that has been the staple diet of every Evertonian in recent seasons invaded again as they slid to an ignominious defeat against South-

ampton. The assuredness and passion of that triumph over their near-neighbours might have led some of the home supporters to expect a repeat of the 7-1 rout Everton inflicted on their visitors from the South Coast last season, but instead they were outfought and outplayed by the team managed by their former player,

Dave Jones. The win, courtesy of a rare header from Matt Le Tissier and a brilliant individual goal from Kevin Davies either side of half-time, was characterised by long periods of drudgery, misplaced passes and ineffective long balls pumped towards Duncan Ferguson. It lifted Southampton over their victims to sixteenth in the FA Carling Premiership and suggested that some sort of renaissance may indeed be begin-

ning at The Dell. Until they paid Sheffield Wednesday 52 million for David Hirst two weeks ago, Southampton had shown every sign of competing with Barnsley for the privilege of being the whipping boys of the division. The presence of Hirst, though, who looks a player rejuvenated, appears to have given his new team fresh belief and yesterday they were superior in all

Carlton Palmer, in particular, was outstanding at the centre of the



visitors' midfield. He ran and tackled tirelessly, he broke up one Everton attack after another and was a constant threat when Southampton broke forward with pace and incision. Davies got the man-of-thematch champagne, but it should have been Palmer's bottle.

For Everton, though, it looks as though it really is going to be a long. hard season battling against relegation. Danny Cadamarteri, such a revelation with five goals from his past seven games, was anonymous against Claus Lundekvam and Ken Monkou and the Everton midfield

was second to everything. "It is desperately disappointing." Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, said. "Everybody was coming to the ground today expecting a pretty convincing victory, especially

after the 7-1 here last season, but we

were second to the ball and we were not strong enough. We got some stick from the crowd at the end and the spectators were right to voice their

That sort of thing hurts. It hurts the players and it hurts everyone connected with the club. After the Liverpool game, they expected a good performance, but they did not get it. Derby games are one-offs. We lifted ourselves on that occasion, but looking at it today, it does not seem as though we can lift ourselves consis-

"It is a concern, but people build up results like the derby. As a manager, you do not think everything is rosy just because of one result. Today, there were too many players who had an off-day. We chased the game in

and people bombing forward. We made it more comfortable for Southampton the way we tried to retrieve

the game." Southampton looked comfortable, too. After a duli start, enlivened only by Cadamarteri's jinking run in the first minute that ended with a shot that whistled just wide, Southampton stunned the home crowd when they took the lead midway through the half with a goal that seemed to have

everything. It started when Palmer chased 50 yards across the pitch to stop Oster in his tracks with a beautifully timed tackle. He took two steps and sprayed a fine 40-yard ball out to Hirst on the right. Hirst took it down on his chest, waited for support to arrive in the centre and then picked out Le Tissier with a curling cross. Le Tissier sneaked in behind Short and in front of Southall and nodded home.

Southampton nearly went further ahead in the 32nd minute, but Southall clawed Monkou's shot away with an acrobatic right-handed save that belied his 39 years. Then, on the stroke of half-time, Ferguson came

Davies ends a bewitching run by firing home Southampton's second

close to equalising when he met Hinchliffe's cross at the back post. but saw his header bounce away off

the underside of the crossbar. After the interval, Everton played with renewed vigour, but they missed another chance to equalise in the 53rd minute. Again, it was a cross from Hinchcliffe that caused the problems, but when Stuart laid the ball back to Williamson, his shot was blocked by Jones. It rebounded to Stuart but his effort bounced away off the goalkeeper, too.

A minute later, Davies, one of the heroes of Chesterfield's FA Cup run last season, sealed Southampton's victory. He picked the ball up near the halfway line, shrugged off Oster

Magnificent United	owler's folly		3
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and, as Oakley made a fine diversionary run, clipped a right-foot shot wide of Southall. Everton poured forward after that

and Williamson saw a 20-yard volley fly just wide of Jones's right-hand post in the 57th minute. Gradually, though, as the luck failed to materialise. Everton heads went down and they appeared increasing-By the end, impotent Southampton's substitute attackers, Slater and Basham, were queueing up for chances in the box and Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, was preparing himself for another rough ride back to the boardroom.

Fide back to the board and a Earner (sub T Phelan firm), C Short, D Watson, A Hirchditle — G Shart, D Wilsonson, G Speed, J Oster — D Cadamarten (sub M Branch, 57), D Feguson 1 Oodd, C SOUTHAMPTON (+3-1-2): P Jones — J Dodd, (Landolousm. K Monkou, F Benall — C Palmer,



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GOLF: MONTGOMERIE LIFTS ORDER OF MERIT FOR FIFTH TIME WITHOUT HITTING A BALL

Westwood takes title by storm

GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN JEREZ

WITH scarcely a ball being struck, two of golf's outstanding issues were resolved on this inclement and damp plain in Spain yesterday. Hours of heavy rain interspersed with bolts of lightning caused play at the Montecastillo course to be abandoned and so Lee Westwood, the leader after three rounds of the Volvo Masters, was declared the winner, ending a remarkable season for the 24-year-old.

This year has been no less remarkable in Europe for Colin Montgomerie. By finishing eighth in the tournament. Montgomerie captured a fifth successive European Order of Merit title. No one has done that before, not Tony Jacklin, not Severiano Ballesteros.

Westwood's 16-under-par total was good enough for victory by three strokes over Padraig Harrington. The accumulated prize-money and bonus money for competing in this end-of-season event took him to third in the Order of

Westwood was impressed. One of his many winning characteristics is that he has not yet become blase. "I looked at the cheque and thought: 'Blimey, it's £166,000," he said. "That's a lot of money, especially when I am only 24 years old. I am going to have to think of things to spend it

Montgomerie all but made sure of the Order of Merit title with a round of 71, one under par, on Saturday. That was when Darren Clarke, one rival, crashed to a 77 and Bernhard Langer, another, had a 74. These two were. respectively, third and second in the Order of Merit at the start of the tournament, but after these rounds they ceased to be a threat to Montgomerie. In the end, Langer ended E106,500 behind Montgom-erie in second place in the Order of Merit, while Clarke was overtaken by Westwood

There is a symmetry at work in the best player in Europe and the best young player in Europe being the two central figures yesterday. This morning Montgomerie is expected to announce that his schedule next year will involve him playing many more events in the United States, while Westwood is one of the brightest stars who remains behind in Europe. In a sense a torch is being



handed over from Mont-

gomerie to Westwood and, if

there is one wish as it is being

done, it is that Montgomerie

will indeed move up to a new

level and win the major

championship that has so far

Westwood will continue the

upward rocketing progress

that he has made so far. He

was 75th in the Order of Merit

in 1995, sixth last year, third

Montgomerie leaves his home continent with his golf at

a higher level than ever. "If my

golf was six out of ten when I

won my first Order of Merit in

1993, then now it is up to nine

out of ten," Montgomerie said.
"I have an incredible desire to

succeed and perhaps that is

my greatest asset. That is what

has kept me going throughout

my ten years as a professional.

this year.

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Colin Montgomerie passes Peter Costernuis's record of four 1977 and 1978. He has wor over £6 million during his car Europe, playing in 242 amaments, averaging 70.69 es per round and is a total Earnings (£) Ranking 2.051 60,095 **CHANGING ORDER**

TOP ON MERIT

With his lifth successive victory

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by year, If I had stood still, I would have been overtaken. in his first tournament as a

Love stays on course

DAVIS LOVE III ensured that the race for the US PGA Tour money title would be settled on the final day of the season when he moved into a four-way share of the lead after the third round of the \$4 million Tour Championship

never wilted. OK, I hit more

fairways and more greens

now than I did before and I

drive it straighter than I did,

but my desire to succeed is my

"I have had to improve year

greatest asset."

in Houston, Texas. Love shot a respectable twounder-par 69, just one stroke

with justifiable pride, that he had not missed a halfway cut in any event anywhere in the world this year. "I have never done that before " vears

and I have increased with it."

Montgomerie pointed out,

Montgomerie missed the cut

more than the day's best score in a stiff north-easterly wind at the Champions Course. He joined Bill Glasson (68), Brad Faxon (69) and David Duval (70) - a trio of fellow Americans — at eight-under 205, two shots clear of compatriots Mark Calcavecchia (72), Jim Furyk (73) and the halfway

leader, Scott Hoch (74).

rounds in the Portuguese Open. It was the start of a remarkable decade. Westwood, in only his third

and won £1,951 for lasting four

season as a professional, has done better than Montgomerie did in his first three years. Whether Westwood goes on to become a genuine world-class gests he should, remains to be seen. For now, it is sufficient to note that Montgomerie thinks very highly of him and has identified him as his successor.

"There are some very, very good players in Europe," Montgomerie said. "Lee is possibly the top of the tree, but there is Darren Clarke, Per-Ulrik Johansson, Ignacio Garrido and Thomas Bjorn, too. I congratulate Lee. He is a great asset to the European

Sampras demonstrates his staying power

IF NOT the most important, this was certainly one of the most satisfying weeks in the career of Pete Sampras. His defeat of Jonas Bjorkman in the final of the Paris Open yesterday all but ensured that he would close the season as the world No I for the fifth consecutive year. It also capped a tournament in which his physical and men-tal resilience underlined just why he stands atop the highest mountain.

Absurd though it may sound, Bjorkman was probably the least dangerous opponent to confront Sampras all week. Although the Swede fully merits his berth in the world top ten. Sampras's path was treacherous in the extreme. Few players could survive early skirmishes with Boris Becker and Petr Korda, never mind cope with Thomas Muster when plainly restricted by injury.

After that, a successful scan on the offending right arm fortified Sampras against an inspired Yevgeni Kafelnikov in the semifinals. And there was an air of inevitability about him mastering Bjorkman in the final. For all the latter's fight and spirit, he was comprehensively outplayed.

Bear in mind that Sampras, supported by painkillers through the week, had plenty to contemplate when struggling against Muster on Friday night. The ATP Tour world championship begins in Hanover a week on Tuesday and Sampras must later spearhead the United States' assault on the Davis Cup final in Sweden. Instead, he showed his mettle when others in his precarious state might well have opted to

"I am very tired, both physically and mentally," Sampras conceded afterwards. "The only thing on my mind now is to go home and

Sampras allowed Bjorkman to show only fleeting glimpses of the form that has made him one of the most improved players this year. The Swede staged a splendid counter-attack in the second set, when he remieved an early break with interest to level the contest. This second set marked the sweetest passage of the match, Bjorkman countering Sampras's superior service with returns of real



reports from Paris

In that spell, Bjorkman achieved what only a handful have managed against Sampras this year by gaining the upper hand. Yet one of Sampras's supreme qualities is patience. He never loses sight of the fact that his opponent has struck a pur-ple patch — he simply waits for it to pass before resuming his processional march.

With Bjorkman unable to sustain that exalted level, Sampras took control, twice breaking his opponent in each of the next two sets to prevail 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. It was his 51st career title and his seventh so far this year. Sampras has now won the past eight finals that he has contested, but perhaps of

that he has triumphed in all nine matches against top-ten opposition this year. In owning Bjorkman here, he also registered a psychological advantage for their meeting in the Davis Cup later this month.

Bjorkman will usurp Greg Rusedski as the world No 4 when the rankings are updated today. While his place in the world championship is secure, those prepared to trade in remote permutations maintain that Rusedski remains inches short of the finishing line in the race to Hanover. A number of calculations make it mathematically possible for Rusedski to be caught, but the Great Britain No I will today eliminate any semblance of doubt if he beats Nicklas Kulti, ranked No I30, in the first round of the Scandia Stock-

holm Open. Even in defeat, Rusedski, seeded No 2 in Stockholm. will almost certainly qualify for Hanover. Of more importance in his mind will be the attactive draw he has been handed in Sweden and the potential to travel to Hanover on a high. The other seeds in his half of the draw - Carlos Moya, Alex Corretia and Thomas Enqvist — are eminently beatable. Tim Henman, seeded No 8 in Stockholm. today plays a qualifier for a place in the second round.



Sampras can afford to relax after defeating Bjorkman to win the Paris Open and remain top of his profession

SPORT IN BRIEF

Nottinghamshire favoured to clinch Gallian signature

EXECUTE: Nottinghamshire believe they have emerged as favourites to sign Jason Gallian after more talks with the former England opening batsman in London at the weekend (Richard Hobson writes). Gallian. 26, who has left Lancashire, will choose between Nottinghamshire and Middlesex before the end of the month, with Glamorgan considered outsiders.

Nottinghamshire will join Kent, Sussex and Northamptonshire in the chase for Chris Adams, the Derbyshire batsman, if Gallian, who made the last of his three Test appearances two years ago. opts for Middlesex.

Kagwe conquers Big Apple

■ ATRLETICS: John Kagwe, of Kenya, who ran the last couple of miles with a loose shoelace, raced away from the dual former champion, German Silva, of Mexico, to win the New York City Marathon yesterday in 2hr 8min 12sec, only 11sec outside the course record. Kagwe, lifth in 1995 and fourth last year, is the third Kenyan winner but the first since Douglas Wakiihuri in 1990. The women's race produced a surprise winner in Franziska Rochat-Moser, of Switzerland.

Pollock subdues Pakistan

EXECUTE: Shaun Pollock took four wickets in 13 balls, including three in his first over, as South Africa earned a thrilling nine-run win over Pakistan in the second match of the quadrangular one-day tournament in Lahore yesterday. An inspired 85 by Inzamam-ul-Haq. 59 by Moin Khan and 59 off 43 balls by Azhar Mahmood took Pakistan to 262 for nine from their 50 overs. South Africa's total of 271 was largely due to 89 by Gary Kirsten and 51 by Daryll Cullinan.



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Cruising sails over all obstacles

IN MILLSTREET, CO CORK

TREVOR COYLE, riding Cruising, the darling of the home crowd, prompted tumultuous scenes round the Millstreet arena when he won the Volvo World Cup qualifier here late on Saturday evening after two faultless rounds. It was the first Irish win in the competition since Jessica Chesney's success on Diamond Exchange in the inaugural event in 1992.

Coyle, who finished nearly a second ahead of Helena Weinberg, of Germany, on Ferdinand — despite having to go first in the five-horse jump-off - was visibly relieved at the outcome. "I felt under pressure because I've had so many second places recently. He's a great horse - he's got all the scope and he can always get me out of trouble," he said of Mary McCann's 12-year-old

Cruising's ability had made the fences look deceptively easy, even though the course, designed by Frank Rothenberger, of Germany, took a heavy toll, with many of the 55 starters clearly out of their

Of the 11 Britons in the class, none reached the jump-off and only two - John Whitaker, on Virtual Village Hunter's Level, and Michael Whitaker, on Virtual Village Two Step completed on four faults.

The Whitakers, nevertheless, were both well satisfied. Michael was delighted with Two Step's return to international competition after an absence of nearly 12 months through injury. "It's like hav-

feeling confirmed when Two Step finished a close second in the Dairygold Grand Prix yesterday, which Whitaker might have won but for nearly being dislodged at the third

For the Irish-bred Hunter's Level, the 12-fence course for the qualifier was the biggest he has yet encountered. John Whitaker had been taken aback when he walked it. "It's the most difficult I've seen at Millstreet," he said.

The most surprising of the British failures was Nick Skelton's on an unusually mischievous Zalza, who was eliminated after three refusals at the ninth fence. Skelton then found himself hauled before the jury after a sharp smack he gave Zalza, which resulted in the German-bred

gelding bolting to the other end of the arena, flattening one of the stewards in the process. A penitent Skelton was absolved when he apologised and confirmed that he had not deliberately set his horse at the steward.

After five qualifiers, Britain still has no rider in the top 20 of the Volvo World Cup rankings - from which the top 19 go to the final in Sweden in April. Robert Smith, who gained 11 points for sixth place in Amsterdam last month, is the leading Briton at No 29. Michael Whitaker, though,

is hopeful of altering the picture next weekend. As a result of Two Step's confident performances here, he will now take him to the Brussels International Show for the sixth of the 15 World Cup qualifying rounds.

HOCKEY: ENGLAND MEN WIN IN EGYPT AS WOMEN ARE SHOCKED AT HOME

Dancer waltzes into new job with victory

A NEW era of English hockey began in Cairo last night with a 3-1 victory for the men's team, under the guidance of the Australian coach, Barry Dancer, over the Egyptian Presidents XI (Sydney Friskin

Two days of strenuous practice seemed to have paid off with the England team getting quickly into their stride to establish a 2-0 lead at the interval. However, the Egyptians, composed almost entirely of players from the national side, were not easy to subdue and their forwards were quick

in fact, the England defence was severely tested and Mason in goal made two smart saves to preserve the lead that Cruichley, a substitute for-

marked Wyatt to put the finishing touch. By the time that the first half ended, England had forced eight short corners and conceded

In the second half, Luckes, who had replaced Mason in goal, saved a hard shot from the outside left, Sameir Mohmed. The Egyptians forced a short corner in the 49th minute and Monem Yaser scored with a scoop high into the net.

Suddenly. England were under pressure, which was relieved when Garcia broke free to earn a short corner from which the goalkeeper saved off Crutchley. With ten minutes to go, there was another short corner for England and Giles at last found the target to make

South Koreans carve out ruthless revenge ENGLAND expected some

sort of backlash, but even the seasoned campaigners looked shellshocked after South Korea hit back to avenge Thursday's 4-2 defeat with a stunning 5-2 victory at Milton Keynes on Saturday (Cathy Harris writes). Guilty of. squandering a succession of chances in the first contest, the Olympic silver medal-winners this time produced a ruthless display in front of the BBC television cameras.

An early penalty corner rebound goal by Tina Cullen and a skilful reverse sweep strike by Tammy Miller in the 37th minute twice gave England the lead, but the tourists hit back to equalise on both occasions through a Lee Eun Young penalty corner and Fire Kunne with the

ing disarray.
Oh Seong Shin, Korea's

captain and sweeper, is one of five Olympians in the squad and, at 25, she is also the oldest. Alongside her, the electrifying pace, passing and vision of her team-mates proved decisive as they swarmed on to the attack. putting England under prolonged pressure. Three goals of the highest

quality in an eight-mioute burst completed an emphatic win for the visitors, who end their short European tour with a match tomorrow against Holland, the European champions and Olympic bronze medal-winners.

Maggie Souyave, the England coach, admitted that her osteed liew osed heaten



Little profit after moving goalposts

gather Leicester rugby club is to ask supporters to cough

up £2.5 million to help the club's development Yes, the Tigers want to build up the commercial side of the club and place it on a sound financial footing. Leicester is in the process of converting to a public limited company with members having the first option on shares.

But why would anyone pump money into Leicester, when most rugby clubs appear on the verge of bankruptcy? The support is currently suffering a severe bout of postprofessionalisation depression, with leading figures warning that clubs will not be able to survive. No first division club is expected to break even this season, let alone make a profit, and several of the sugar daddies bankrolling the sport have warned that they will pull out if things do not improve.

But I thought rugby had secured millions from television rights and used it to recruit top international players? Rugby certainly received an £87.5 million windfall from BSkyB for television rights, but clubs have never had to pay full-time players before and they are finding that some of the demands of leading players are a little exacting.

What a bunch of old southern hemisphere hasbeens coming to England to boost their pension rights? Something like that. It wouldn't matter if lots of paying spectators were flooding through the gates to come to see the multinational sides play, but they aren't, leaving the clubs paying football-style wages from county cricket-sized crowds. So, what are you waiting for? Let's nip down and see our local first division side play as soon as we can. They must

have a home game some time in the next fortnight. Er... not necessarily. Most of November has been given over to internationals. They probably aren't playing at home again until the middle end of December.

That can't belp to build a loyal fan base, can it? No. and it is not very good for cash flow either. The clubs still have to pay their players even when there are no games and no revenue coming in. The clubs are desperate to sort out a proper fixture list, but international commitments make it impossible to establish a structured season until 2000.

By which stage some clubs will have gone out of business? Exactly. Bristol are already on the verge of bankruptcy and others will soon follow:

So, why should fans cough up if the Tigers have run out of

Well, apart from loyalty, Leicester are one of the few clubs that are potentially financially viable. The club has around 13,000 members, ownership of club rugby's best ground and plenty of room to put corporate guests and sponsors.

But what about the others? They all want to follow Leicester's example. Rughy may have

Women's rights and lefts take centre stage



aving power

on the night that boxing had to ring the changes

he trainer meant no disrespect. "You're too pretty to box," he said. She took the Budweiser bottle from her mouth, turned to show the bruised swelling beneath her left eye and responded: "Not any more, mate!" It was a real exchange in a surreal atmosphere.

The woman, Dawn North, had just outboxed her opponent over three rounds in front of a capacity audience packed into the Whitland Dairy Sports and Social Club near Carmarthen. The attraction was the first licensed female pugilism in Britain, and the contest, which lacked neither ferocity nor courage, examined our sensibilities and our approach to life, never

mind sport.
Halloween night in Wales gave North the opportunity that was taken from her a month ago, when she was prevented from being the first woman to box in England because public disapproval forced the cancellation of a bill featuring 13-year-old girls in her home town.

"I wanted to be the first ambassador." she said on Friday. "I felt cheated. I had trained so hard for that. I travelled five hours to get to Whitland, I've got a black eye, a nose bleed ... and it feels really great. I enjoyed every second, even when she hit me."

North is no child seeking 15 minutes of fame. She is 25, has the most complete life of the four females who boxed on Friday and the most mature appreciation of why she is doing it. "I started boxing training to get fit for rugby," she said. "Now there is a dangerous sport. I've been bitten, stamped on, concussed. I've a much clearer head after three rounds of boxing than I had then."

retailers, but is about to join the police force: she scuba dives, plays Kawasaki ZX6 to 156mph on a track. Her twin ambitions are CID work and to be woman Amateur

Boxing Association (ABA) champ-The second will take time. The



English ABA, embracing the Henry Cooper argument that women are for loving not hitting, has suspended women's boxing until further notice. Wales, however, hardened by the experience of communities like Whitland, where the closure of the dairy factory put one in ten of the population on the dole, is welcoming the girls with open arms. Hence the trek west on

The sunset was spectacular, but nightfall brought a forbidding mist in which consciences were exam-She works in a motorcycle. ined. Was this a peep show, or a legitimate expression of women's rights? The Taf pub up the road from the Dairy club was an arena for pre-fight debate. Disgusting. said one customer, whose son went to school with two of the contestants: turned him right off them, it

know their own minds, others countered. Mostly, they discussed the Two Maries, Davies and Leefe, who, as 16-year-old friends from nearby St Clears, were to be first up on the women's bill. Abolitionists were kept at bay,

though, as the community queued for first-come, first-served, £3-ahead entry. Stuart Price, the secretary of the rival Welsh Amateur Boxing Federation, forewarned "Boxing's been forced opportunities law, but in

child employing a tricky lawyer to take us all to the cleaners. I appeal to all mothers: keep your daughters away from boxing."

having lost the ability to bear a

community came in curiosity, almost like a school concert audience. Their sympathies were first aroused by a 12-year-old boy, who was startled by the feistiness of his Cardiff docklands opponent and stopped, in tears, after a minute, possibly frightened by the clamour or by the pain. At that point, you

'I've got a black eye, a nose bleed ... and it feels really great. I enjoyed every second'

> had to question the "characterbuilding" notions of sport.

The bouts continued, sometimes gutsy, sometimes resembling playground fights. The one before the Two Maries pitted Marcus Leefe

against Ben Champion, and young Leefe clearly goes at it like his sister, boring straight in: no pain, no gain. He lost, but his sister won and, as befits her lifelong friendship, she shared laughs, looks, embraces and, eventually, tears of relief with her opponent. Their bout had been something of

a pact between college students who said they would rather be the female Prince Naseem than Spice Girls. Flushed, but un-

marked, Marie Leefe insisted that it had been the best experience of her life. She had known more fear in showjumping, a sport in which she had broken an arm, a leg and

damaged her neck. "You done me proud girls, done me proud," Mick Haines, the local

Windsor Davies, who trains the girls and put on the show, said. He then turned on the media throng: "Who bloody says it's barbaric?" he demanded. "Look at them, not a mark. I told you you won't see any bloodied noses here tonight." Moments later, the ring collapsed under the weight of the press.

When it was fixed, there was blood, a smatter of it. Dawn North had to quell a whirlwind from Rhyl, Mandy Griffiths, 21, whose father gave her a punchbag for Christmas when she was a small child. Boxing is her choice, he backs his daughter and the Grif-

North is ready. She and her trainer, Fred Deakin, 67, reckon she was rushed out of her stride by Griffiths' early assault and will be

ATHLETICS: STEPHENSON BENEFITS FROM FRESH FUNDS AND NEW CHALLENGE

John Phillips, the referee, who, after 25 years and 10,000 bouts all over the world, had never before had to step between protagonists and tuck the flowing locks of a boxer back into their headguard.

He believes that there is no harm in women boxing, especially as the rounds last only 90 seconds and the chest protectors are strong. "I referee them to the same rules as the men," he said, "otherwise, you would deny them

As some wrestled with the mixed signals of perfume and perspiration, Deakin, the trainer who has lifetime, departed with his Ali prediction. "I tell you, Dawn is class. She'll be champion, no bother. She looks like an angel, quicker with the right jab next sings like a nightingale, fights like time. Doubtless ready, too, will be a tiger."

MOTOR SPORT: SCOT ENSURES WORLD TITLE WILL BE SETTLED IN RAC RALLY

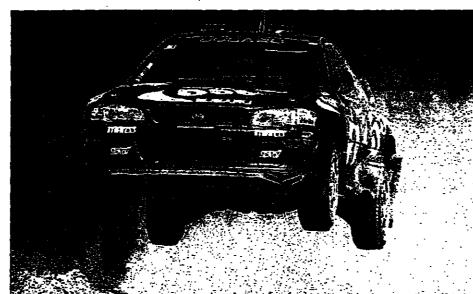
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McRae takes contest to the wire

COLIN McRAE gave himself an outside chance of regaining the world rally championship when he won Rally Australia yesterday. The destiny of the title will now be decided in the final event of the season - the

RAC Rally later this month. Tommi Makinen, of Finland, finished second in Australia, after starting the day in fifth place, to consolidate his leadership in the overall standings. He has 62 points, ten more than McRae, and the Scot can only deprive Makinen of the title by win-ning the RAC Rally and hoping that his rival finishes outside the top six. If that happened, the pair would be level on points, but McRae would prevail because he would have five championship wins to Makinen's four.

On a dramatic last day in Perth, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, the overnight leader, retired with mechanical problems allowing McRae, 29, driving a Subaru Impreza, to win by 6sec from Makinen, in a Mitsubishi Lancer. Didier Auriol, of France, was third in a Toyota Corolla.



McRae in full flight in his Subaru Impreza on the way to winning Rally Australia

"Now I just have to give it everything I have got in the RAC Rally," McRae said. "To have a fight like this, with so much at stake, and come out on top is just fantastic. Tommi set an absolutely amazing pace and it's been an incredible fight to the end. We gave it

everything on the last stage." Makinen, the title-holder, was breathing down McRae's neck near the finish after trailing by lmin 41sec after

quite enough," he said. "I made just a few mistakes and went too wide a few times. I knew it was not mine. But the

championship is still looking

Reebok keeps sport running

STAFF at the British Athletic Federation (BAF) offices in Birmingham arrive for work

this morning wondering how many of them will be on the receiving end of dreaded news. The BAF, having declared itself insolvent three weeks ago, is intending to inform employees of any re-dundancies today. It was with some irony,

then, that the first BAF promotion since the administrators were called in was held at the weekend. If the impression had been given, from media coverage of the crisis, that the sport in Britain had ground to a halt, here was proof that the heart still beats and there is money for some. The first meeting in the Reebok Cross Challenge, a

much-needed domestic grand prix cross country series, was held at Hengrove Park, Bristol. Furthermore, at a time when £630,000 is owed to 90 Great Britain athletes for their appearances in the do-

mestic summer meetings,

has put in £75,000 into the sixrace series, of which £45,000 is

prize-money. David Moorcroft, the BAF chief executive, said, when disclosing that insolvency practitioners had been called in, that "for 99.9 per cent of people in athletics, business will carry on as normal". And so it has. The AAA of England road relay championships proved a great success and, such were the looks of approval on the faces of federation workers at Bristol, you would

think they had been told they have jobs for life. Now that Moorcroft has had time to assess the damage, he gives the sport a year to establish a workable structure before the 99.9 per cent suffer any serious conse-quences of earlier mismanagement. "There will be an effect, but hopefully not too

great," he said. While federation bank accounts have been frozen, the events department has been unable to plan the domestic and international indoor pro-

Moorcroft described as "a strong behind-the-scenes involvement" in organising the road relays and Reebok Cross

Challenge.
"It does show that, even in this gradual dismantling of the federation - the committees, the commissions and the work they do - things can continue," Mooreroft said. The part of the sport that is being affected immediately is cross country because things



Moorcroft: targets set

track and field next summer How timely, therefore, the grand prix, with new money

that escaped the black hole. The rewards ensure that the top British athletes compete against each other, giving them good racing opportunities and making selection for the European championships next month less complicated. It was noticeable in Bristol that most leading under-20 athletes were there in a year when so few ran 5,000 metres on the track that the event did

not merit a ranking list. Tim Hutchings, a former world championship silver medal-winner, took particular delight in seeing Christian Stephenson win the opening senior race, enabling the parttime cleaner to bank enough money to finance his overseas winter training. "Christian is the perfect example of the sort of young British athlete who needs financial help," Hutchings said. "This series is designed to support athletes like him. He has pots of talent that he has not been able to

SAILING

Turner in touch with leader

Carphone Warehouse, is engaged in a close run-in to the finish of the Mini-Transat single-handed race (Edward Gorman writes). An impressive overall second place is now possible, in a boat that Turner got his hands on only

two weeks before the start. Yesterday, Turner still had more than 1,000 miles to sail to the finish at Martinique, but he was close on the heels of the second-leg leader, Thomas Coville, of France, in Zurich. The pair have opted for a more northerly course than the other leading boats in the 43strong fleet and, towards the end of last week, this started to pay as they moved from third and fourth to first and second. Yves Parlier and Eric Taberly,

MARK TURNER, in If Coville holds on he may emerge the overall winner with Turner, who finished

ninth in the first leg, second. The second leg from Tenerife has been characterised by light airs, which have suited Turner, whose boat demonstrated an alarming tendency to nose-dive when running in heavy conditions during the first stage from Brest

The only other Briton in the field, and the only female, Ellen MacArthur, in Financial Dynamics, has had a much less satisfactory race. She has sailed mainly in the lower orders and was yesterday fixed in 32th place. In the double-handed Transat Jacques Vabre race,

in Aquitaine Innovations. sealed victory in the monohull division on Friday when they reached the finish at Cartagena in Colombia. They covered the 4,403 nautical miles from Le Havre in 19 days and 23

boat is often too difficult to handle," Parlier, who had to

hours, at an average speed of "In single-handed races, the

stop in Australia for repairs final (David Rhys Jones during the Vendee Globe and was dismasted during the single-handed transatlantic race last year, said. This time, we were able to try out lots of different sail combinations and I've got a logbook full of notes for the future." Marc Thiercelin, in Some-

*wher*e. was second.

BOWLS

Jeffrey makes grade with Classic success

ADAM JEFFREY, 26, a graduate of the Australian Capital Territory's Academy of Sport, retained the Manulife Hong Kong International Classic singles championship for Australia at the Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday, defeating David Le Marquand, of Jersey, 25-17 in a 29-end

writes). Last year, the event - one of the world's most prestigious tournaments - was won by John Noonan, of Adelaide, who ended a ten-year famine for Australian players. With Noonan unavailable this year, the Australia selectors opted for youth, sending Jeffrey, a bowls equipment retailer, and Mark Jacobsen, 29, who should be strong contenders for the pairs,

which starts today. Stuart Airey, of England. assumed the role of favourite after dismissing David Gourlay, the 1996 world indoor champion, from Scotland, with surprising case, 25-8, in the quarter-finals. However, he was quickly in arrears and could not complete a recovery against Le Marquand, who took a 21-9 lead after 17 ends of their semi-final. Airey closed the gap to six shots before the Channel Islander claimed the winning single on the 25th end.

BASKETBALL

Gulf in class is telling factor

too well the influence his

compatriots can have on a

result. They were playing five

paid foreign players, he said.

THE gulf between Budweiser American coach, knows only League teams and the rest was never more graphically emphasised than at the weekend, when the last two first division survivors went out of the National Cup after being

overwhelmed at home (Nicholas Harling writes).
Plymouth Raiders had already suffered a 22-point home defeat by London Towers when their contemporaries, Stevenage Rebels and Coventry Crusaders, em-

barked on a morale-restoring mission on Saturday. Both clubs failed by a wide margin. The Rebels were beaten 93-60 by Manchester Giants and the Crusaders lost 91-64 to Thames Valley Tigers. Charles Adams, the Rebels'

advantage."
Will Kelly is the only American in the Rebel squad. He works on aircraft at the United States base at Mildenhall and Stevenage - for whom he sank ten points on Saturday were simply the most convemently situated club for him to

An Englishman, John Burnell, salvaged the one

Rebels, when, with the first of two three-pointers he sparked a 10-3 burst in the first half, trimming the Giants' advan-

These are five Americans tage to 13-12 who have been playing and They were forced to raise practising together all through their game, with Robert Churchwell and Michael the season, whereas we have a Brown leading the victory group who train twice a week. That's why they had quite an parade on 21 points and 19, respectively.

The story was much the same at Coventry, where Thames Valley Tigers joined the Giants, Towers, Worthing Bears and Leicester Riders in the second round.

Led by 31 points from Ben Cayton, the Bears finally overcame the plucky resistance of Crystal Palace with a 106-102 victory in overtime.

Britain's two surviving Uefa Cup teams have problems aplenty before tomorrow's games

Fowler's folly costs Liverpool dear Feeble Villa left



BOLTON WANDERERS LIVERPOOL 1

By Michael Henderson

fairly or not, of being a soft touch. We are about to find out.

When he summons Robbie Fowler to his office this morning, to discuss the incident that led to his dismissal on Saturday at the Reebok Stadium, he must tell him that, if he behaves once more in such a reckless way, he will never again wear a Liverpool shirt. To do otherwise is to abdicate his respon-

There can be no pussyfooting. Fowler, sent off for brawling against Everton last season, has clearly not mended his ways. He seems unaware of the fact that he plays for one of the world's great clubs and Evans must remind him in language that burns his ears. Both men have a case to answer here and their answers must be clear and unequivocal.

Liverpool were a goal up and good for one more when Fowler was sent off in the 76th minute for battering Per Frandsen's cheek-bone with his elbow. To compound matters, he wandered over to where the Dane was lying, pointed an accusing finger and bellowed at him before he was escorted to the

It was unpardonable behaviour and as Dermot Gallagher, the referee, was within spitting distance of the players, it made Fowler look not just ill-mannered but also formidably stupid. He does not cut an impressive figure at the best of times, except when he is scoring goals, and this latest incident was an absolute disgrace.

Anfield has never been the natural home of the goody-goody, but Liverpool have always maintained standards of behaviour in keeping with the club's tradition and sense of self-worth. Their players have never resorted to kicking, punching and cheating, but such is the rank ill-discipline of the current bunch that it is not hard to see why the supporters are

that Pollock, the Bolton midfield player, had spent the afternoon booting people. Deary me. "Raising an arm!" Mayfair ladies do that



every time they dance the gavotte. What Fowler did, with clear intent, was smash another player in the face. As for Pollock, who did indeed have a boisterous game, nobody greeted him more warmly afterwards, to the point of embracing. than McManaman, who had traded kick for kick. So there were no hard feelings there.

Having dug his own ditch. Evans promptly jumped into it. The match would have benefited. he said, from the referee getting a grip of it in the first 20 minutes. The facts give the lie to that glib Phillips and Bjornebye by then and generally had a decent game. In any case, as Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, said later, it is unfair to

it doesn't stop players and managers imagining that they could do better, though. Frank Leboeuf is the latest to stick his oar in, with his opinion on Saturday that there should be professional referees. All right, let's take him precisely at his word. When he retires, will he run the line until he has sufficient experience to take the whistle and will he do it for petrol money and half a shandy?

Cricketers and rugby players willingly perform the job, as a way of putting something back into the game. Come on you pampered more about the laws than referees and never make any mistakes of your own, of course. Supervising a game involving others should be a

Fowler's folly cost Liverpool dear Instead of winning the game comfortably, they ended up hang-ing on for a point after Blake headed an emphatic equaliser five minutes from time. Bolton can thank Branagan, their goalkeeper, for keeping the score down to one goal. His save from Fowler early in the second half, as the striker tried to walk the ball in, was a little

For all their talent and good intentions, Liverpool seem unable to mesh properly and for that Evans, however nice a chap he is, is an architect. What they have got is a stonemason and, right now, his

They played some good football here and Fowler's goal in the first

minute, taken as he swivelled 12 yards out, was a corker. Owen fizzed about, shaking Bolton with his extraordinary pace and if McManaman had a half-decent shot in him, Liverpool would have been out of sight before Fowler's

But Bolton are not without merits of their own, patience and persistence chief among them, and Liverpool ended up rattled. Ince, their captain, was booked for an awful foul on Bergsson and left the field lambasting Gallagher.

to debate their fading fortunes

you will invariably discover a hotbed of political intrigue. A place such as Villa Park, where rumours and gossip sweep through the corridors and conspiracy theories

Take the case of Paul Gascoigne. A few weeks ago, his possible arrival from Rangers was being heralded as a coup for Brian Little. Now the rumour-mongers peddle the theory that the club's highprofile wooing of the England international was little more than a publicity ruse to try to pacify a disgruntled squad.

If that was the aim, it has most definitely not worked. That there is a growing contingent of malcon-ents in the Aston Villa dressingroom is not in doubt. It is only the extent of the grumblings that is a

Outbursts from the likes of Sasa. Curcic and Savo Milosevic have become as overplayed as a Spice Girls single. To hear Gareth Southgate, the club captain, air his misgivings is an entirely different matter, more akin to hearing the Queen Mother burp in public, but there is no mistaking the depth of his reservations in an interview even before the defeat on Saturday, Villa's seventh of a troubled Premiership season and their third in

front of their own, jeering fans.
"Unless the club shows the ambition to match the ability of the top players, you'll end up with a scenario when you lose your best players and the whole thing falls apart," the England defender stated. "There will be a few players, if the club is in this situation at the end of the season, who will have to think long and hard about what they were doing." In short, buy some decent internationals or 1 m off and I will not be the only

It is an infusion of confidence rather than new signings that Villa need in the short term, though, if they are to end their miserable slide towards the wrong end of the table. Little believes that his players have yet to rid themselves of the mental residue from the four consecutive defeats that provided such a dismal start to the Premiership season and, despite a lively opening on Saturday, it is difficult to see where

No one appears to be suffering more than Dwight Yorke, another player with an uncertain future. who could miss the Uefa Cup

second round, second leg against





ASTON VILLA 0 CHELSEA 2 By Matt Dickinson

Athletic Bilbao tomorrow with a gashed thigh. Yorke had the chance to soothe the Villa Park nerves when Andy Myers tripped him inside the penalty area after 23 minutes. The striker's penalty kick. however, sliced wide of goal like a shanked golf shot and any hope that Villa had of winning this game went with it.

"We are doing all the damage to ourselves," Little moaned. "I actually thought we played quite well in the opening period, but there is a lot of frustration there and we are giving away silly goals. The volwas more than we have had, but it is going to keep on increasing if we keep losing games."

For Chelsea, Yorke's penalty miss was the spur they needed after an untidy start. They were rarely better than average, but they did not need to be against such frail opponents and the sight of Graham Rix puffing a cigar in the dugout before the final whistle summed up the ease with which they dismissed Villa's fitful challenge. Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player

manager, took most delight in emphasising that his side had now kept clean sheets in half their Premiership matches and, with Frank Leboeuf commanding in defence, they looked a solid outfit. even with half a dozen absentees.

Hughes led the line resolutely on his 34th birthday, opening the scoring after 37 minutes when his header from a Petrescu cross wriggled through Oakes's grasp and Flo sparked a mass exodus from Villa Park eight minutes from the end when he crept through on Ehiogu's blind side to finish Clarke's perfectly-measured cross. ASTON VILLA (3-5-2) M Oakes - U Eniogu, G Southgete, R Screece - G Charles, M Draper, S Grayson, F. Kelson (sucr.). syrun, currey, p. 11-15.

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Strachan bravehearts pass test of strength to end away hoodoo

parting gesture, and one that almost got lost as Gordon Strachan, the Coventry City manager, concluded his post-match observations at Selhurst Park on Saturday. As he edged towards the press-room door, he said: "They're not the best footballers in the world, but at least they went at it hammer and tongs and showed respect for each other." There, in a nutshell, was his summary

of the Coventry team over which he presides. A team that will never win the FA Carling Premiership, that has many limitations and that will lose more often than it wins. Yet a team that will scrap for its existence, rarely betray the paying punter and probably continue to survive in the Premiership's promised land. A team to which Strachan will pledge

his long-term future - "I'll sign the contract when it's in front of me, when I've got time," he said - and a team that, providing he keeps the players competitive and free of contempt from their peers. could steer him towards a greater prize. Though still in the initial throes of his managerial apprenticeship, Strachan has already attracted the attention, Benfica included, of notable suitors.

When you play Wimbledon, you have to stand up and be counted." he said. "You have to be brave." Coventry were brave. Having darted into an early 2-0 lead and





WIMBLEDON 1 COVENTRY CITY 2 By Russell Kempson

after wave of second-half attacks. Many a defence might have succumbed in the face of Wimbledon's constant, if increasingly desperate, onslaught.

In the fifteenth minute, Huckerby twisted cleverly to volley in Dublin's noddown. It was Coventry's first away goal in more than ten hours of trying. Seven minutes later, Dublin guided in Sullivan's poor clearance from 25 yards; after another four minutes. Cort nodded in Jones's cross. There ended the scoring, but not the entertainment.

Had Wimbledon capitalised on the endeavours of the Hughes boys, Ceri and Michael, they could have continued their steady progress up the Premiership table. Had Sullivan not atoned for his error with several athletic saves, Coventry then conceded a goal, they resisted wave could have doubled or trebled their

that Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, could not accept defeat gracefully. While conceding that individual errors proved costly, he pinned a share of the blame on Uriah Rennie, the referee. "He robbed us when we played at Derby and, quite frankly. I'll be glad to see the back of

The Derby incident surrounded the non-award of a penalty and here Kinnear's dismay centred mainly on Earle's surging run, with the score at 2-1, that ended with a tumble in the Coventry area. The penalty, which would have been charitable in the extreme, was not given. Conveniently, Kinnear forgot about

Rennie's sympathetic handling of Thatcher's push-and-shove on Williams shortly before half-time. Jones's animated outburst as the players left the pitch soon after and Perry's two ill-timed tackles. A large proportion of officials would have taken more drastic action.

Strachan kept his cool. He knows how far Coventry can go, he knows how far he is willing to go with them and he knows a first away victory of the season is nothing to get too excited about.

WIMBLEDON (3-4-1-2): N Sulincan — C Perry, D Blackwell B Thatcher — K Cunningham (aub. N Ardey, 83min), V Jones C Hughes (sub. A Clarke, 73), M Hughes — R Earle — C Cort, E Exica, (sub. M Gayle, 70) — Coart, Electron, (sub-in-cayer, 10) COVENTRY CITY (4-1-3-2) S Ograzovic — P Teller, R Shaza, G Green, D Burnows — P Williams — T E Schwedt, G McAirster M Half — D Huckerby, D Dublin

Bosancic inspires Barnsley to psychological turning point

and the walls of the Oakwell ground, two boys sporting Barnsley shirts were preparing to reprise the afternoon's match with a tennis ball and a little juvenile imagination. The first lad said that he wanted to be Alan Shearer, the second Jovo Bosancic.

Thirty minutes later, their game was well under way and the real Jovo Bosancic was talking to reporters the other side of the imaginary touchline. He spoke about his original passage to England, life in Portugal, civil war in the former Yugoslavia and ambitions for the remainder of the season. He went unrecognised by Boy Two, but then fame

can be fleeting indeed.

The significance of his goal here on Saturday, driven in from 25 yards with ten minutes remaining, may be more lasting. Behind at half-time to Tim Sherwood's 32nd-minute effort and playing as poorly as at any period in this difficult season. Barnsley fought back when all around expected them to curl up their toes. They competed as equals with passion and power and to have left unrewarded would have shattered morale after their hiding at Old Trafford.

How much of this transformation was

due to a tirade by Danny Wilson, the manager, during the interval is impossible to gauge. How, a reporter seeking background information asked, did he get





BARNSLEY 1 BLACKBURN ROVERS 1 By Richard Hobson

hold of Bosancic? "By the throat, at halftime," came the immediate reply. Bosancic, in fact, became the hub of

proceedings. He wrestled control of the midfield from Sherwood and McKinlay and his colleagues drew belief from his strength. Twice, Redfearn shot wide before Flowers acrobatically turned away an effort by Hendrie. How Blackburn were made to regret earlier missed opportunities by Duff and Sherwood.

"It is a psychological turning point for us." Wilson said. "Apart from Coventry, we had only taken points against sides we had been promoted with last season. It looked at the start as if we were afraid of the reputations of their players, but in the second half we treated them like human beings and got among them. We have to take confidence from that."

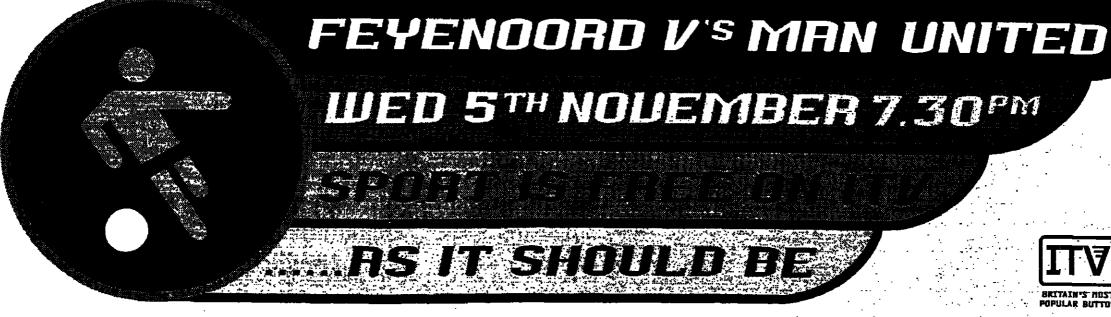
Bosancic lacks. "Playing in the Premiership is super easy for me," he said, comparing the top flight with the frantic scrapping of the Nationwide League.

Life is decidedly less dandy for Roy

Hodgson, the Blackburn manager. His side failed to climb above Arsenal into second place and the fact that the only unbeaten away record in the Premiership was preserved offered scant consolation. "It is not being positive to think about that when in my view we have lost two points," Hodgson, candid and critical, said. Barnsley hit a lot of long balls towards us, but the quality of our game should have been enough."

A bigger worry may be the injury sustained by Colin Hendry, his talismar-ic defender, who went off in the 29th minute with suspected knee ligament damage. Hendry was due to see a specialist last night. Hodgson is unhappy at the lack of money available for signings, but the loss of Hendry cannot be absorbed from within his squad. This may not prove the defining game of the season for Barnsley alone.

BARNSLEY (4-4-2): D Watson — A Moses, A de Zeeuw, Shirtiff, A Kritzen — D Sheriden (sub: N Eader, 46men), Redleem, J Bosenco, M Bullock — G Hristov (sub: Liddelf, 55), A Kritzen (sub: D Bernard, 74). BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — J Kerme, S Hanchoz, C Handry (sub: T Pedersen, 29), G Croft — S Riptey, T Shenvood, W McKinley, D Duff (sub: J Wilsox, 85) — C Sutton, K Gellscher.





ble Villale debate their Magnificent United give Pleat plenty to ponder

THERE was widespread sympathy for David Pleat on Saturday. One of football's great thinkers, a "tactical genius", according to Howard Wilkinson, the Football Association's technical director, he sat and fended off veiled questions about his future.

"Does it get any easier David?"
"No, it doesn't." "How are you coping?" "I love the game too much not to be all right, you have to be positive." "Do you ever feel like walking away?" "I am not going to walk away, it's not in my nature." And so it went on. Pleat picking over the pieces of his Sheffield Wednesday team after it had been mauled by Manchester United.

He may face some interesting questions from Wednesday's directors this week, aware, as he is, of the storm clouds gathering around him. His team lies at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership and the gulf between it and the top looks ridiculously huge. He must be thinking: "It is not fair."

Yet that is rather the point. It is not fair to judge Pleat or Wednesday on events at Old Trafford, because he and they had been brushed aside by a team on the threshold of greatness. This wasn't a match in anything other than name - it was an exhibition, a training-ground runabout. United have scored 13 goals in two successive home games and, in this instance at least, they did so at a canter, flicking through the gears at will, content, most of the time, to idle along in second.

Awesome is a horrible word, but this performance was truly, jawdroppingly awesome. They scored six, but as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who bagged a brace, said later, they could have had ten, or 15. And all this without the rested

Giggs and Irwin, without the injured Keane and with the talismanic Cantona but a memory. 'Any squad where you can interchange players at will and still be no less effective is a manager's dream," Pleat said later. "There is fear in their team, too, fear of somebody being after your place, of not getting a game." Although to be fair, nobody looked afraid on

Saturday. There is no question that this United is better than the model that



MANCHESTER UNITED 6 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.1 By Peter Robinson

dominated English football last season, and seasons before that. It is still precociously young, but as it gets older, it gets stronger. The European Cup was beyond its reach last season, but that, it turns out, was probably just a learning experience. This season, you sense that United's challenge is far more serious, far more mature and far more formidable. With Arsenal's indisciplined challenge faltering and Chelsea still to convince, the Premiership seems, for now at least, to be theirs for the taking, even if it does seem premature to

Wednesday must wonder whether they are really playing in the same competition, or even the same game. There was a feeling last week that they were about to be thrown to the lions, which was hardly assuaged by the Roman fanfare that heralded the arrival of the players on to the pitch. For a moment, the Theatre of Dreams became the Colosseum, with a roar reminiscent of a Hollywood crowd

For ten minutes or so, Wednesday refused to accept their fate, but it was futile. United, goaded, bit their heads off. Solskjaer to Sheringham to Solskjaer to Sheringham, a slide-rule shot from 20 yards that caught Pressman unawares and it was I-O. United had scored with their first serious

They scored with their second, Cole tried a one-two with Sheringham inside the Wednesday penalty area, Walker intercepted the return, the ball hit Pembridge. then Cole and then Newsome before rolling disdainfully past a wrong-footed Pressman.

And before the half-hour was up,



Sheringham salutes the home faithful after scoring his second goal at Old Trafford on Saturday

the match was all but over. Pembridge escaped down United's right, crossed, Di Canio produced a perfect header and Schmeichel. almost impossibly, stretched out a hand, saved and then collected the loose ball as it crawled towards the goalline. "What's the point?" you could almost see the Wednesday players mumble. "We go forward and he goes and does something

like that.' By the break, it was four, Cole heading home Beckham's deflected cross, Solskiaer volleying in Gary Neville's high, hanging pass, but it could and should have been more.

Pleat knew it and he tried to ring the changes, replacing Carbone and Di Canio with the more prosaic Nicol - providing added defensive cover - and Humphreys, a move that was hardly designed to curry favour with the two Italians.

But it was irrelevant. United resumed where they had left off, Sheringham claimed their fifth with a flying header and Solskjaer their sixth with a sweet curler. Between the two, Whittingham won a challenge with Schmeichel to score, but it was scant consolation. Sheringham and Cole should all have ended the day with hat-tricks. according to Alex Ferguson, the United manager, while Beckham and Butt, too, could have scored. You have found yourself with a

selection problem for Wednesday," somebody suggested to Ferguson afterwards. "Oh, it's agony," he replied, his head in his hands. Pleat dreams about agonies like that.

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Pallister, P Neville — D Bechtern, N Butt (sub: B
McClae, 75), P Scholes (sub: K Poborsky, 55) — E
Sheringham — O G Solekjaer, A Cale
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— G Whitingham, W Collins (sub: A Portic, 75), J
Magilton, P Rudi — B Carbone (sub: S Nicot, 45), P
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nte: G Ashby.

Derby use their legs to expose ageing Arsenal

LIFE without Bergkamp could scarcely have begun more badly for Arsenal. Arsene Wenger, their manager, dismissed the idea that the absence of the suspended Dutchman was the cause of their defeat by Derby County, their first FA Carling Premiership loss of the season. It was, he said, more of a

Asked his opinion of Paulo Wanchope, scorer of two of Derby's goals, he damned him with faint praise. "Wanchope? He has the potential to be a player." Would that Arsenal had a few more players of such potential. For all their wealth and Derby's relative lack of it. Derby have built up a far stronger squad.

They were without the injured Asanovic and Stimac, the Croatia internationals, and Eranio, the Italian. Ciccio Baiano and Wanchope, from Italy and Costa Rica respectively, completely overshadowed Ian Wright and the 18-year-old Frenchman, Nicolas Anelka, whose first "start" in the Premiership was an anticlimax.

Loose-limbed, long-legged, unorthodox and unpredictable, Wanchope, the man who might one day become a player, gave Arsenal's defence a torrid time in the second half. As Jim Smith, his manager, said: "You look at the senior players in Arsenal's side and you could see they were very nervous whenever he got the ball."

With good reason. Arsenal's heavy mob, burdened by the weight of years, tends to look good until actually put under pressure. Wanchope's first goal, after less than a minute of the second half. was a trifle lucky, his shot hitting Steve Bould's heel and seeming to deceive Seaman. But why was he allowed to run half the length of the field without being challenged?

The second goal, Wanchope's again, after 66 minutes, came after Dean Sturridge had used his dynamic pace down the left to leave two defenders floundering. Winterburn made a wretched attempt to clear with his weaker right foot. Wanchope accepted the gift.
Last season at Highbury,

Sturridge tormented Arsenal's defence in a drawn game. After halftime at Pride Park on Saturday, when Smith decided to use Rowett as sweeper in a three-man defence and pushed his full backs forward, Sturridge came into his own. His was the third Derby goal after 82 minutes. Racing on to a flick by Baiano, he left Petit sprawling and went on to score.

"You talk about Wanchope," Smith said. "To be honest, Baiano



DERBY COUNTY 3 ARSENAL 0

By Brian Glanville

is instrumental in the way we play. He's bright, he's very clever. He's an excellent player and he's the one that does keep it for us. I think he gets a little bit frustrated and he doesn't always get picked out when he should be picked out. He picks

them out." Happy in Italy with Fiorentina, Baiano, a Neapolitan who made his name with Foggia, was reluctant to come to England, but he has done wonderfully well. He set up another chance for Wanchope in the second half, capping a glorious run with a superb pass.

Had Arsenal put away their penalty, would things have been different? Possibly. They certainly had the better of the first half without, as Wenger admitted, creating the chances. But on the half-hour, a pass from the somewhatanonymous Wright sent Vieira in on goal, only for Carsley to bring him down. Wright banged the penalty against the bar.

The only difficult save that Poom. the Derby goalkeeper, had to make was from a powerful, right-footed hook shot by Platt, late in the second half. "Always I had the feeling that the first goal would be important," Wenger said. "Derby could just drop back in their half and counter. When we were the dominating team, we could not create chances, and after we were exposed to the speed of Derby on counter-attacks, we couldn't cope

with that." Bould collected a fifth bolking for the season to join the ranks of suspended Arsenal players — despite being used in a reserve game last month to temporarily get him off the hook. Bould will be available for the home match against Manchester United on Sunday, but Petit - sent off against Aston Villa last week - and Bergkamp will not. (25) Week — and Sergkamp with not.

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Baiano (sub: P Trollope, 88)

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seamen — L Déxon, S Bould,
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WEST HAM UNITED CRYSTAL PALACE



Glanville West Ham United must be hoping that this will not be another Black Monday. A

week ago, they went down, in a welter of words, at Leicester City. John Hartson's intemperate criticisms of the referee there will certainly bring him a suspension, but at least he and his formidable head will be around to test Palace's defence at Upton Park tonight.

Palace will field Attilio Lombardo, wanted last week by Italy for the substitutes' bench in Moscow. Presumably, he will again be squeezed into the middle rather than deployed on the right flank, where he is so much more at home.

West Ham, as usual, will greatly rely on the inspiration and ingenuity of their little Israel attacking midfield player, Eyal Berkovic. Palace are unlikely to man-mark him, but this is probably the only way to subdue him.

Hartson and his fellow striker, lain Dowie, will find themselves opposed by the powerful lcelandic centre back, Herman Hreidarsson, who gives little away in the air and is a threat in his own right. Palace are so much more formidable away from home, when they can concentrate on the counter-attack. and West Ham would do well to bear this in mind.

WEST HAM UNITED (possible: 3-5-2): L Millosko — S Potta, R Ferdinand, D Urassorin — A Impey, F Lempard, S Lomes, J Moncus, E Berkovic, —1 Domie,

CRYSTAL PALACE (possible; 3-5-2)* K Måler — N Hredersson, A Linighen, A Rybers—J Smith, M Edwodhy, S Rodger, A Lombardo, D Gordon — N Shippenley.

TELEVISION: Today: Live on Sky Sports 1, from 7pm. PREDICTION: A draw.

Pride and passion in class | Newcastle begin to take on of '97 has Graham drooling

THE one was enough to warrant a smile of satisfaction, but it was the nil that really brought a twinkle to his eye and together they confirmed what the rest of the FA Carling Premiership will be afraid to hear - that George Graham is very much back in business.

Not that the man who twice led Arsenal to the title was making wild predictions, despite this comfortable and impressive victory on Saturday — "I'll settle for a place in the top six." he said — but after five years in the championship wilderness, Leeds United, under Graharn, must again be considered a genuine force.

Of course, there was a hint of the Highbury monster in the scoreline and there are obvious similarities between the team he now manages and the one with which he won silverware and scorn in equal measure. But as Graham might have pointed out, where is the crime in having a top-quality goalkeeper behind a superbly mar-shalled defence and an industrious midfield serving a pair of quick and

dangerous strikers? Neither, it must be said, was there any dependence on the offside trap or the long-ball game that so characterised his much-maligned Arsenal side. Yet, for all their technical and tactical superiority over a Tottenham team that did well to make a game of it after a first-half mauling, it was the desire in Leeds' performance that had Graham drooling. The big-name players may have been eased out of Elland Road — Yeboah, Palmer,



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0 LEEDS UNITED 1 By Keith Pike

Rush, Brolin et al - but what remains has a look of much more

The manner in which we won was very encouraging," Graham said. "There is a wonderful team spirit - on the pitch, in the dressing room, on the training ground — and a great honesty about the players. All successful teams have got to have that." What Liverpool once achieved and Manchester United are now enjoying was, he stressed, "no accident". It is down to "hunger, passion ... and we have got to keep that in the

On succeeding Howard Wilkinson just over 12 months ago, Graham said, a lot of major surgery had to be done and a lot of difficult decisions made". Last season, he admitted, Leeds "weren't very pretty to watch, but results were the priority. Today we showed that we have built on that." And, paying tribute to Wilkinson, he acknowledged that he had inherited a youth set-up that is now



Ginola, of Tottenham, struggles to overcome the close attention of Haaland, the Norwegian midfielder, during his team's defeat

he said, a lot more "real quality kids a year or so away from playing in the first team".

It was a goal by one of the old brigade, though, that moved Leeds on to the heels of the leading pack. Wallace doing the easy bit after Robertson had threaded an exquisite pass between Scales and Mabbutt midway through a first half that the visitors utterly domi-nated. Tottenham switched from 3-5-2 through 4-4-2 to 4-2-4, but for all their perseverance, the damage was irreparable. Martyn had just one save of note to make, an acrobatic leap to reach a header

from Campbell. Little wonder that Gerry Francis's mood was in complete contrast to Graham's. He refused to discuss "hypothetical situations" about leaving White Hart Lane, voluntarily or otherwise, and said that all he could do was "keep working" to turn around Tottenham's season. But he wore the resigned look of one who knows that time is against him.

"A couple of weeks ago, Leeds were below us, so it just goes to show what can happen if you put a good run together," he said, but he did not sound convinced. Neither was the Spurs fan who had infiltrated the press room. "The players here are not good enough for Tottenham Hotspur and 35,000 people are saying the same every week," he told Francis with illdisguised contempt.

That was hardly fair on the likes of Walker, whose agility prevented a much heavier defeat, but Disgruntled of N17 had a point. For how much longer is Francis prepared to let Fox under-achieve, for example, or Ginola to continue with his self-indulgent dribbles and free kicks - those when he is not hurling himself to the ground at the merest hint of a challenge, legitimate or otherwise.

What Tottenham need now is for their players to stand up and be counted, not fall over. They could do worse than look to Saturday's opponents for their example.

Upprintents for their example.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (3-52): I Wather —
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Campbel — R Fox, D Ganola, D Howels (sub: Anderson, 66), A Serten, J Edinburgh —
Armstrong, J Dermeguez (sub: S kersen, 46).

LEEDS UNITED (4-42): N Maryn — A Maybuy,
Radebe, D Watharall, D Robertson — G Kelly, i
Hopkin, A1 Hasland, B Ribeiro — H Kerrell,
Wallace.

the dourness of Dalglish

THE family life of Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle United manager, is, by all accounts, happy and stable. Clearly, his behaviour around the house is different than it is at aftermatch press conferences. If it was not, Relate would offer him a

season ticket. Imagine the scene at breakfast time: "Do you want cornflakes this morning. Kenny?" "Why?" "I thought you might be hungry. What makes you think that?" Well, you've not eaten since last night.""Who says so?"This goes on for two long minutes, during which time he glares randomly, fidgets and, finally, cracks a bitter-sweet oke that no one hears and flounces into the living room.

Football teams are shaped in the mage of their manager and there is a lot of Kenny Dalglish in Newcastle United; too much, per-haps, for their own good. They have lost form and, in the midst of this sub-standard version of something once handsome, we find a certain dourness, a restlessness, a

querulous spirit. There was an incident in the first half that distilled Newcastle's agitation. Albert was annoyed to find Izzet placed between himself and the ball. On other days, he might have merely tracked him, since he was heading nowhere in particular, but, instead, he kicked through him, his instep rammed recklessly into izzet's back.

An encounter with the non-stop, hurly-burly journeymen of Leicester is invariably an unsettling experience, but Newcastle were





NEWCASTLE UNITED 3 LEICESTER CITY 3 By Mark Hodkinson

unable to circumvent the blue shirts. Batty and Barnes were again played deep, content to tap the ball six vards sideways or back to their defenders, while their rare attacking tendencies suffered from a dearth of wing play.

Martin O'Neill, the Leicester

City manager, was happy once more to exalt his charges. They did fantastically," he said. Newcastle were awarded a penalty on their first real attack when

Marshall fouled Ketsbaia. Barnes converted, but Leicester equalised within minutes when Marshall headed home a Guppy free kick. Marshall scored again with a header, this time from an Izzet

Seconds before half-time. Newcastle equalised again. Hamilton appeared to score, but it was announced later that Tomasson had deflected it across the line. This might have been a magnanimous gesture by Hamilton, since Tomasson's lack of a goal for Newcastle has, he admitted recent-



Peacock, of Newcastle, challenges Heskey, who played well but was sent off in a final piece of theatre for lashing out at Albert

ly, been causing him a great deal of

Newcastle tried to press but were often thwarted by their own lack of invention and the exuberance of their visitors. Leicester play a modern game to perfection: their movement is fluid and fast, every player is comfortable on the ball few passes are sent long or hopeful and, most notably, there is a palpable joy in their approach to

the game. Leicester justly re-established the lead when Elliott scored another headed goal by simply putting his forehead to a corner by Guppy. Newcastle had every player in their penalty area, but still allowed Elliott, all 6ft 3in and 15st of him, to

slip through unnoticed. John Beresford had, before this season, not scored in the previous four campaigns. As Leicester tired, he moved forward unmarked and met a Ketsbaia cross and headed it adroitly past Arphexad to record his sixth goal in the past 14 matches. The roar of relief from the impatient St James' crowd would have been heard as far away as Gateshead.

The game's final submission was a marvellous piece of theatre. Heskey, who had played magnificently throughout, finally responded to the constant digs and jabs that had come his way from Peacock and Albert. He sent the Belgian to the ground with one of those infamous footballers' punchescum-pushes and was sent off. As the crowd hissed and booed, slavering at the perimeter fence, he slowly and defiantly ambied from

the pitch. Between the grunts, glares and asides, Dalglish appeared pleased with the outcome afterwards. "Some of our play was tremendous in the first half," he said. "I think justice was done when we equalised at the end. Some of our outfield play was very impressive." There were few nods of agreement in the press room, though nobody dared speak up; Dalglish has that effect on people - and on teams, too, it would seem.

NewCastle UniTED (3-5-2): S Gwen — D Peacock, S Howey (sub: D Hamilton, 16mm), P Albert — S Watson, R Lee, D Bertly, J Bernes, J Berestora — J D Tomasson (sub: I Rush, 77), T

LECESTER CITY (3-5-2): P Archo M Ellatt, I Marshall — P Kanmark, (m.cusus, i marshell — P.Kasmark, G.Parker (sub-Savage, 67), N. Lennon, M. Izzer, S. Guppy — Claridge, Gustr. G.Ferteon, 87), E. Heskey. Reteree: G.Willand.

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(0) O CHELSEA Haghes 38 Plo 82

Chelses: F de Cosy, D Privescu (suitr S Clariae, 69min), C Bahayaro, F Lebcedi, M Hughes, A Myers, F Sinclair, M Michalls, E Meston, G Zola (suitr T A Flo. 60min), J Morris (suitr R D. Malden, 64min).

no obo Barnsley: D Watson, D Sherutan (sub. N Eaden, 45min), A Moses, A de Zeeun, J Handne, N Redteam, M Bustock, J Bosancie, P Sherliff, G Pinelov (sub. A Liddell, 55mm), A Ruzan (sub. D Barnard, 73mm) Blackburn Rovess; T Howers, J Kenna, T Sherwood, C Hendry (sub. P Pedersea, 77mm), S Ripkly, K Gallache, C Sulfon, B McKoday, G Croft, S Henchoz, D Duff (sub. J Wilsox, 5-5min).

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GOALSCORERS

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SHRIMSBURY White 43 Scott 66, 78 2,338

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Marichester United: P Schmenchel, G Newlie, G Pallister. I Beckham. N Butt sant: B McClaw, 75cnin). A Cole, E Sheringham, P Mewlife, P Scholes (stark P Obbershy, 55min) D 6 Soiskjaer, H Berg (sub. J Curtis, 75min).

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J Berestord, S Howey, Cash, D Hamilton, J Bissey, R
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Izzet, N Lemon, G Farker (sub. R Savage, 68mm), S Gappy,
S Claridge (sub. G Fasion, 87mm), E Hestey, I Marshell,
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rendent: J.Laghton, R. Anderson, G. Smith, D. Rowson, A. Indouare, B. O'Mel, J. Måler (sub: R. Gilbles, 71min), E. SS, D. Windase, D. Dodds, S. Glass.

Hearts: G Rowssel, G Locks, N Pointon, D Welr, S Sahokot, P Rilloffe, N McCarn, S Fulkon (sub J Qurlongo, 88mis), J Robertson (sub: J Hamilton, 82min), I Cameron (sub: A McCalanus, 88min), I Flogel

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Celtic: J Gould, T Boyd, S Mahr, J McNamara, M Rieper, A Stabba, H Larsson. C Burley. S Donnelly, M Wieghorst, R Bilinker.

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(2) 2 Windledor: W Suffixan, K Curesingtom, V Jones, D Blackwell, B Thatcher, C Hughes, R Earle, E Booker (sub. M Earle, 70min), C Perry, M Hughes, C Cort. Bookert Jones, Penry Coventry City: S Ogricovic, R Shew, D Burrows, P Williams, G Breen, D Huckerby, D Dublin, G McAllister P Telfas, T Solved, M Max Bandort Hestodow

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Everton: N. Southall, E. Barrell (sub: Phalan, 67min), A. Hinchcille, C. Short, D. Watson, A. Williamson, G. Steart, G. Speed, D. Ferguson, D. Cadamarteri (sub: M. Branch, 67min), J. Oster.

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Socithampton: P. Jones, J. Dodd, F. Bessäi, K. Micoleou, C. Lundelbare, M. La Tissier (sub: R. Stater, 75min), M. Galley, G. A. Nelloon, G. Smin), D. Hirst (sub: S. Basham, 87min), K. Davies, K. Richardson, C. Palmer.

Reference: A. B. Matter.

GOALSCORERS FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: 12: J Herson (West Ham) 11: 0 Bergicano (Arsena): C Subon (Blacktoun): R: I Whofit (Ausena); D Wanchon (Blacktoun): R: F Belano (Derby): A Cole (Man Utd): R Wellace (Leeds: 7: B Carbone (Shafi Wed): R Fowler (Liverpool): K Gellacher (Blackburn): I Marshall (Letosser): G Valii (Chelsea). Includes all Commetitions.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Kartenine 3 Cologne 1; VB Stutis Schelle 04 0; Werder Bremen D Haritie Berin 2; Hanse Ro 2 Boothun 2. MSV Dubburg 4 Boussia Mönchengladbe Boussia Dortmund 2 Kaleersleutern 2; Bayer Levenusen Leading positions Kaserslautern Bayern Munich Schollie D4 Hansa Roslock VIB Stuttgart Bayer Landricken Wordnangladbach 11 Wollsburg ISV Dusburg Not including lest night's match DUTCH LEAGUE Heeranneen 1 PSV Endhoven 1; MVV Meastricht 1 Wilern it Tiburg (), Fortuna Stiard () NEC Nijmegen 2: Twente Encohede 1 Villesse Amhem 1; NAC Breda 2 Graafschap Doelfrichem (). PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting Liston 1 Verzim 1; Charles 1. Plo Ave 0 Porto 0; Braga 3 Mentimo Camponationene 2 Belanenees 1; Vitoria Setubal 2 Leca Academica 0-Estrala Amadora 1; Farense 0 Salgueiros 0; Vito Guimaraes 1 Boevista 1. SELGIAN LEAGUE: Harefolke 2 Genk 0; Asist 1 Elemen 3; Anderlacht 2 Ghent 2: Lommel 1 Loketen 5. Postporned Beveren v Lieses Antwerp v RWD Molerbook; Westerlo v Standard Llege; S. Truiden v Charlerol. 15352432 15372322 P W D L 7 5-1 1 7 2 4 1 7 2 3 2 7 1 3 3 8 1 3 4

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Rivaldo, centre, of Barcelona, tries to shield the ball from Davor Suker, left, and Roberto Carlos, of Real Madrid, during their Spanish League match

HIBERNIAN (0) I CUNDEE UTO (1) 3
Crantord 85 Olotsson 26, 88
10,110 McSangan 90
Hibernian: C Gothskalisson, W Miller, J Boco, A Dods, J Hughes, B Lanesson (sub A Doe, 82nah), P Toch (sub J Chamley, 82min), B Laety, S Crantord, A Rouger (sub C Jackson, 88min), P McCanlay.
Booked: Miller Durnidee United: S. Dykstra, M. Stoldmark, M. Malpas, S. Pressley, M. Perry, E. Pedersten, K. Olotsson, I. Zelberfund, R. Winters (saulo G. McGwegen, 63min), C. Easton, J. Oolan (sub D. Sinclair, 75min) RANGERS (1) 4 KE MARINCK Negri 5, 87 (pen), 90 Mitchell 43 Pontin 85 49,413 Rangers: A Goram. A Viderar (sub: 6 Durie, 58min), 5 Sersass, S McCall, 5 Portol, J Bjorkund, J Thera (sub i Miller, 74mo), P Gesculigne, M Regn., R Gathuso (subr Albertz, 81min), B Laudrup. Rocked McCall, Negri, Galluso.

Kümarnock; C. Meldrum, K. McSowne, M. Reitly, R. Mordgomeris, M. Withworth, G. Holt, P. Mordy, Cubr. D. Anderson, Stamins, J. Henry, M. Roberts, Cubr. J. Vareille, 61 mst), A. Mitchell, A. Burie. Booked: McGowne, Moregomenz, Mitchell.

(2) 4 MOTHERWIL Hendry 61 (pan) Dames 66 Coyle 72 Kemaghan 18 O'Neil 33, 60 Grant 49 (pen) 4,565 St Johnstone: A Main, J McClaritao, A Presion, N Casovic, A Kemachan, D Griffin, P Scott J O'Neit, R Grant, G O'Boyle (sub: P Kane, 77min), S Tosh (sub. K D'Halloran, 86min). Booked: O'Neil. Motherwell: S Woods, K Christle, S McMillan, E Garcin, G Jonsson (sub: I, McCalloch, S3min), G Denham, E Shivote, W Davies, T Coyne, J Hendry (sub: O Coyle, 70min), I Ross. Booked: Denham, Davies, Ross. Referee: J Roubotham.

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FRIST DIVISION; 6: A Bone (String); J Mendas (St Mirren); P McGatilen (Falkiris); S Cooper (Andrea). 5: E Annand (Dundee). G Clark (Hamilton); D McFalaine (Hamilton). S Kengan (Ayr). D Moss (Falkiris), K Witght (Fallifi); W Hawke (Greenock Motion). 4: G Adams (Partick); L Dair (Ratifi); A Morgan (Partick). E Cunnegton (Hamilton)

ISTHULAN ... UNBOND PREMIER DIVISION: Accring on Stanley 4
Emiley 2. Attmchm 1 Hyde 3: Barrow 2
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Bridge 1: Colwyn Bay 2 Spernymoor 0;
Froddey 2 Chorley 0: Gansborough 0
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Leading positions

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Barrow 17 11 4 2 30 11 37
Boston Utd 17 7 8 2 23 15 29
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Farsley Celtic 0; Harrogate Town: 4 Trafford
1; Netherfield 1 Astron 3, Spokeshridge PS
4 Great Harwood 1, Workington 0 Bracford
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PREMIER DIMISION: Action 1 Gresley 0; Beth 1 Waccester 0; Bromesprove 1 Crawley 1; Burton 0 Atherstone 1; Forset Green 5 Hastings 2; Halescowen 3 Standpourne 1; Nuneation 2 Dromester 2; Rottwell 1 Gloucester 1 Salsburg 2 King's Lynn 3; St Leonards 0 Merthyr 0; Tamzvorth 4 Cambridge Cdy 1

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Bath 13 7 5 1 25 17 26

Crawley Town 15 7 4 4 27 22 25

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Burton Abison 15 6 2 7 18 18 20

MENLAND DIVISION: Bectworth 3 Sutton Coldride Town 0: Blokerabl 1 Freekley 1.

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ESSEN SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Cordinal Manning OB 0 Erficicl OG 2: Glyn OB 2 Old Tensonars 2: Softon Water 1; ithord 5. Postponed: Etch Menor v Halthridge Sports.

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Whysieland 0; Romfield 3 Abrogdon Town 2;
Staines 0 Usbridge 1, Thame Litt 0 Bognor 3; Wernbley 0 Croydon 0; Weldingham 4
Barton Rovers 0; Worthing 2 Hampton 2
Second division: Barssteed 3 Bractimal 1;
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Homchurch 2 Lewes 0, Southaf 0 Harlow 1.
CCULRAGE COMBINED COUNTES
LEAGUE Premier division: Act 2 West-field 0; Cobham 4 Cranteoph 1; Feltham 0
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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cocton 0 Codeston 1; Diss 0 Feliositowa Port and 2 Lowestoft 1 Newparket 0; Soham 0 Whodham 1; Stowmarkst 3 Waston 1.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: Finat division: Control 0 Downton 0; Ronssy 4 Ryde Sports 2; COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondistury 2 Tuffley 0; Centerton 1 Wenters 1; Highworth 2 Didoot 1 Postponad: Shortwood v Kintbury.

RRST ROUND: Wooton Blue Cross 0
Edgware 1; Ford 2 Surbury Wanderers 3;
Norston 3 Welsyn Garden 1; Aveley 4 St
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Hoddesdon 3 Bowers 5; Felsenham 1
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Keynes 0 Great Watening 3; Warboys 0
Basildon 1; Hernel Hempsheed 3
Barkongsids 1; Hillingdon 1 Ware 1; Totrae 0
Sawbridgeworth 1; Waltham Abbey 2
Mitdenhal 1; East Grinsbad 0 Folkessone Invota 2; Thatchem 3 Reading 0; Bedfont 1
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House 2; Charbern 3 Heisteam 1; Ashtrod 2;
Sheppen 1; Met Police 3 North Leigh 1;
Horsham 0 Ramagate 1; Cowes Sports 5
Epsom and Beed 2; Turbridge Wells 2 Wock
4; Windsor and Elton 0 Shoreham 1;
Contribian 1 Stade Green 0; Deal 3
Godefming and Gulfford 1; Bloester 2
Littlehampton 5; Alingdon 1 Carrbarley 3;
Eastbourne Town 1 Chipstead 4; Bodinin 2
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Negri content to let goals do all the talking

arco Negri talks with the hush of a man tending not contribute 80 goals to the winning of the championship. In hush of a man renorng his hangover. It is, though, his consumption of goals, rather than drink, that is excessive. After his hat-trick in a 4-1 victory over Kilmarnock on Saturday, he has now scored 26 times for Rangers this season.

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Of that total, 23 have been deposited in the Bell's Scottish League premier division, where he has found the net in each of the club's ten fixtures. Mental arithmetic is an uncommon pastime in the stands at Ibrox, but it is

enticing for a supporter to estimate Negri's likely tally for this season. There are spectators who claim whimsically that they will de-nounce his lapse in form if he does

winning of the championship. In view of the intimidating standards that he has set himself, it seems understandable that the Italian should be prone to bouts of silence.

However, he is not really dumbstruck. The player, whom Rangers signed from Perugia for £3.5 million in the summer, simply has a retiring disposition. He is not the sort of scorer who, after a goal, vaults hoardings and hangs from the perimeter fencing to commune with the crowd. In his first weeks with the club, his reluctance to

celebrate was conspicuous. Some took the emotional reticence as a sign that Negri was unhappy in Glasgow. It may be a desire to dispel the rumour that more strenuously to his audience, but he can still look like a man fulfilling an obligation rather than

indulging an instinct. Although he refused requests for an interview on Saturday, Negri had been willing to talk to journalists in August, after he had scored all of Rangers' goals in a 5-1 win over Dundee United. The forward was asked which of the quintet had pleased him most. "Every goal is beautiful to me," he replied softly. There might have been almost

50,000 people inside Ibrox and his contribution may have broken a deadlock, as it did on Saturday when the score stood at 1-1 with five minutes remaining, but Negri's satisfaction is private. Prolific



scorers all have a deep desire for goals that cannot be explained purely by reference to the circumtions of their club.

as he attended to the chores of training. Perhaps, Negri, 27, has reason to be pensive, for he has encountered the frustrations that football can impose. The goals may now be abundant, but they did not come naturally to him. The early Nineties were spent with Cosenza, in Serie B, and he

spective and Giovanni Galeone, his manager at Perugia, recalls

how sullen the forward used to be

npact. Negri, however, eventually began to develop and earned a move to Perugia, whom he helped achieve promotion to Serie A by scoring 18 goals in 33 games

also had loan spells with sides in

Serie C, where he made little

during season 1995-96. The small dub found it impossible to hold on to a place among Italy's elite, but by the time of its relegation in May. Negri had amassed 15 goals in the top (light. Such a tally is impressive in a division where strikers are stifled and although Perugia were relegated, Negri's reputation was on

the rise. The leading clubs in Serie A had reservations about a man who, when not taking chances, scarcely participates in a match at all. They might also have worried about his pace, failing to appreciate how swift he is to step in front of a marker in the goalmouth. It seems that Negri is no nearer a place with his national team, but in Scotland his worth is beyond question. Against Kilmarnock, Negri gave

five minutes from the end, after an equaliser had been conceded. The forward's prolific ways have concealed many poor performances by Rangers in the past few months.

Although he faces inadequate opponents and does receive sumpmous service from Brian Landrup and Paul Gascoigne, a forward with such a quantity of goals cannot be belittled. Maurice Malpas has forecast that defenders will eventually cut Negri's scoring rate down to manageable size and the Dundee United veteran could be right. At the moment, though, he sounds rather like Michael Fish, in 1987, scoffing at predictions of a hurricane.



Walker, the Swansea captain, left, scores only his eighth goal in nine seasons, but it was enough to settle the South Wales derby with Cardiff yesterday. Photograph: Huw Evans

Swansea City

THING DISCON

BY PAT GIBSON

IT MAY not mean much to the rest of the Nationwide League but, to Swansea City, this victory meant everything. They may still be below Carporters will rule the roost in South Wales until the return

at the Vetch Field in March. The clubs of John Charles and Ivor Allchurch may have fallen a long way since the days when crowds of more than 50,000 would pack into Ninian Park for this fixture, but its importance to those who care about them was only too evident in the hours before the Sunday lunchtime kick-off.

Hotshot Walker settles the score for Swansea

third division, but their sup-sioned Welsh assemblies since mistake. 1993, when saturated Swansea fans were afforded shelter in the main stand and so incensed the locals by their

presence that a riot ensued. Now they were back, some 500 of them being allowed to travel from Swansea with a police escort and to congregate on the Grange End terracing before being escorted back again. For a few awful mo-

frenzied start with Scott Young, the Cardiff defender, booked in the seventh minute for clattering into two Swansea players and Swansea taking the lead four minutes later through a stomning goal from their captain, Keith Walker.

It was created by a devilish inswinging corner from the Coates, which Hallworth, hemmed in by

The effect was almost terrifying. Suddenly, the Cardiff effort to engage in close combat. Several steel barriers and

crunched into Bird, a former Cardiff player, in an innocuous position out on the touchline and was sent off for a second bookable offence. It might have been the cue for more trouble, but instead the supporters of both sides became absorbed in the struggle.

credentials in captaincy stakes Stockport County...... 1 Sunderland

Clark confirms

By Ivo Tennant

NOBODY, least of all Peter Reid, could ever have doubted that Lee Clark would captain Sunderland one day. This was not merely because he was their record signing, but on account of having led repre-sentative England teams in his not-so-distant youth. If he had not looked the part already, there was no doubting that he did in the very last minute on Saturday.

Sunderland were a goal down, and deservedly so, when Clark, leading them for the first time in the absence of the injured Kevin Ball, collected a deflected pass on the right hand side of Stockport County's penalty area and drove the equaliser into the far corner. "If there was one player who I wanted the ball to break to, it was Lee," Reid, his manager,

said This was Clark's sixth goal of the season. The last time that he played in the Nationwide League first division, he scored ten times, which bodes well for Sunderland. He made all the right noises about having been honoured by his manager, did not harp back to missing Newcastle United and modestly disclaimed having carefully picked his target in that pell-mell last minute. Clark had been charged with inspiring a young feam, who, Reid felt, would have learned a lot from giving the ball away too often in the first half. Where they did excel was

in defence. Perez brought off a

wonderful save, diving low to his left to palm away a header

generally restricted Stockport to shooting from distance, usually with no great accuracy.

As a consequence, Stockport's goal was a messy affair. Gannon forcing the ball home from Cook's corner 12 minutes from time. Of their chances up to then. Armstrong had hit a post with a glancing header and had a side-footed volley saved. There was also a fierce left-footed drive by Wood that Perez averted at the base of his right-hand post. Reid will be less concerned now that his attempts to sign Andy Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper, have not succeeded.

Stockport should not repine. In two consecutive home matches, they have taken four points off Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sunderland and, as Gary Megson, their manager, admitted, they would have settled for that in August. Besides, in the second half he reckoned that his side played better than on any other occa-

sion this season. Brett Angell, Stockport's leading scorer, compares their standing in the game as comparable to that of Southend United, his former team, when they achieved promotion to the first division. "Those players had the same doubts, but you soon realise the only difference is that the technical ability is a little better higher up. Southend stayed up for six years and were often at the top end." he

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Pair keep alive Premiership aim

West Bromwich Albion .. 0 By NICK SZCZEPANIK

MARK SCHWARZER, the former Bradford City goalkeeper, must be some player. How else can his club, Middlesbrough, afford to do without Gary Walsh and Alan Miller?. The two former Middlesbrough goalkeepers were the men most responsible for the blank scoreline between two of the teams in the queue to join the big beasts of the FA Carling Premiership - or become next season's Barnsley, if you

Walsh, who, unable to displace Schwarzer, joined Bradford last week for £500,000 after five matches on loan, during which he conceded only one goal, had the first and last words. Early on, he dived to turn aside Hunt's effort from 25 yards, then, in the final minute, he leapt to deny David Smith, whose long shot was arrowing towards a top corner. "Unbelievable," according to Ray Harford, the West Bromwich manager, a man rarely given to

Not to be outdone, Miller, who signed for Albion in February, two days after Schwarzer's arrival on Teesside, flung himself to his left late in the first half to paw aside a near-post header by Edinho and deserved his luck when Youds' header grazed the crossbar from the resulting corner, just as Walsh deserved his when Sneekes's nineteenthminute shot struck the

There were other reasons why the game finished goalless: the visitors committed too few players; Bradford lacked a cutting edge to match the enterprise of Beagrie and, later. Lawrence on the wings. Significantly, a defender. Youds, again, came closest to capitalising on Bradford's second-half pressure when his header was cleared off the line. "In the second half, we just bombarded them without having enough to finish them off," Chris Kamara, the manager, admitted. "They're delighted,

we're disappointed." Harford delighted? That'll be the day. "We're satisfied."
was as far as he would go.
"Some of our play on the counterattack in the first half was electric, but the final ball wasn't good enough. They (Bradford) came out in the



Harford: satisfied

second half and put us on the back foot and we never really recovered."

Neither team, on the evidence of this Nationwide League first division match on Saturday, looks good enough to go the distance, although Bradford, said Kamara, are a year ahead of schedule on what we planned when I took over". Harford, too, recogmises the need to add to his squad. "I'm certainly going to need some more players." he said. Up front? "Everywhere." Except, it is safe to say, in goal. Except, It is sale to say, the good-BRADFOAD CITY (4-4-2): G Weish — J O'Kone, D Moore, E Youds, W Jecobe — S Mustay, G Kulcser, C Remage, P Bengris — Britino, R Steiner (sub: J Lawence, SSmir)... WEST BROMMYCH ALBION (4-4-1-1): A WEST BROMMYCH ALBION (4-4-1-1): A West BROMMYCH ALBION (4-4-1-1): A Smith — S Flynt (sub: S Cotitions, 65): P Smith — S Flynt (s

Away supporters had been ments yesterday, it looked as bodies, could only punch to a phalanx of policemen held banned from these impas- though this might have been a the edge of the penalty area. Only another four minutes The match had got off to a Walker, who met it perfectly to send a volley screaming into the net for only his eighth goal in nine seasons with Swansea.

supporters, who had been content to hurl verbal abuse at their rivals, broke out of their enclave to run along the front of the Bob Bank Stand in an

Cardiff opted to play with only three men at the back in an attempt to regain the

Underside of The Dar. CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2): J Hellworth — C Middleton (subr G Stoker, 71 min), S Young, M Harris, C Beech — W O'Sutiven, J Fowler (subr. S White, 84), D Fenney, A Carts (subr. S Partindge, 65) — G Crowe, A Saville. SWANNSEA CITY (5-3-2): R Freesione — J Prics, K O'Leavy, K Walker, K Edwards, M Clode — R Appleby, N Cusack, J Coates — S Wattion (subr. A Newhouse, 55), T Brd. Referee: R Hertis.

initiative, while Swansea

strove to make their advan-

Not surprisingly. Swansea had the better of it for a while

and almost went further ahead when Cusack headed

against the bar. But Cardiff. to

their credit, rallied magnifi-cently. A volley from O'Sullivan squirmed from

Freestone's grasp and rolled

against a post and Crowe, a

teenage striker on loan from

Wolverhampton Wanderers

was denied by an instinctive

save by Freestone and then

blasted a shot against the

underside of the bar.

Northampton find common ground for latest ascent Andy Tillson was elbowed in the head," he said. The measummer of 1994, when, havand back again, all in nine imagine that they would be Northampton Town...... 1

Bristol Rovers... By BILL EDGAR

ANY Northampton Town supporter with a phobia for turnștiles can still find a satisfactory view of home games from the top of a nearby grassy hill. Northampton could fill in the gaps between the stands at their S<u>ixfields Stadium,</u> but you

loath to tinker with the present structure for fear of losing the luck it has brought them over the past three years.

The hundred or so silbouettes that settled for a free view of three quarters of the pitch on Saturday saw Northampton remain in the top three of the Nationwide League second division despite being held by Bristoi Rovers. Northampton have been transformed since the

ing finished bottom of the League, they would have arrived at the new Sixfields as a non-League club had Kidderminster Harriers' stadium not been deemed substandard for promotion from the Vauxhall

Their rise, under the management of lan Atkins, has evoked memories of when they caught the mood of the Sixties by swinging from fourth division to the old first

years. A more pertinent paral-lel has been drawn with Bury's muscle-bound leap from third to first division during the past two seasons, in which they employed a direct style suited to their limited means.

Ian Holloway, the Rovers

player-manager, was unhap-py with Northampton's approach. "There were some ugly challenges. Gary Penrice was elbowed in the nose and

that Northampton aimed at their own front three. The home side was leading through John Gayle's 57thminute header when his namesake, Brian, the Bristol defender, was sent off for

sured passing movements led by Holloway and Penrice contrasted with the long punts

overdoing his complaint to a linesman over the award of a free kick. But the ten remain-

style and a delightful series of short passes culminated in Jamie Cureton's equaliser. Atkins said: "I think we dominated it throughout and they never really threatened." INCY NEVER PRAILY INTEGRATION.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN [3-4-3]: A Woodman — I Sampson, R Werburton, D Brighwell — I Clarkson, R Hurster, J Fram, G Porter — J Gayle, D Seel (sub. A Gább. 48min), C Heggs

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Eaton hat-trick turns the table

Cheitenham Town...... Halifax Town

By WALTER GAMMIE

TWELVE minutes of secondhalf mayhem, which saw Jason Eaton score a hat-trick and Bob Bloomer put away a stunning left-foot volley, enabled Cheltenham Town to bring Halifax Town's proud 12-match unbeaten start to the Vauxhall Conference season shuddering to a halt at Waddon Road on Saturday.

As the dust settled on an afternoon in which Morecambe, equally surprisingly. were crushed at home by Hereford United. Hednesford Town were left on top of the table. Cheltenham, unbeaten in ten matches, moved into fourth place.

Newly promoted, Cheltenham have plans to erect covered terracing at the north end of the ground that will take the capacity past the figure of 6,000 demanded by the Football League. "We expect to hear in December what sort of grant we will get before going ahead," Steve Cotterill. the manager, said. Cautious Cotterill, though, insists that Saturday's win means nothing more than "we've only got to get another 22 points to be safe in the Conference."

Certainly, too much can be read into the scoreline. Until Eaton's opening goal in the 62nd minute, the match was fierce, tightly contested and devoid of clear attempts at goal. Eaton broke the dead-lock when Martin lamely fisted away a corner, then, within a minute, he was left dear when Kildine made an embarrassing hash of a clearance. Eaton dipped a welltudged shot over Martin. Bloomer's magnificent volley from a ball played forward by Smith was followed by Eaton

after another corner. The first two goals were Kamikaze," George Mulhall, the Halifax manager, said, "but we had won nine and drawn three and now is not the time to go in and give the players a rollicking."

swivelling to turn in his third

Cotterill had no doubts about Halifax's quality.
They're the best side we've played this season," he said. Playton this Scason, the Sellor.

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G Housfield.

Real are victims of own ambition

By ROB HUGHES

TAKE Manchester United versus Liverpool as a yardstick. Double the crowd, infuse the passion with separatist political intensity and you have Real Madrid's 3-2 defeat by Barcelona in front of

106,000 fanatics on Saturday. Real Madrid, outstanding in Europe, had not lost at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium for 27 league games. Barcelona, unbeaten in Spain but struggling in the European Cup Champions' League, had been raunted in the Madrid press as lacking the organisation and courage to withstand the white magic.

The response? A match of cruel malice and beautiful bravery. Twice Barcelona led, twice Real equalised, but they could not come back a third time. Louis van Gaal, the Dutch tactician who replaced Bobby Robson as Barcelona coach, commented: "I thought we could win because Real would attack like crazy and

maybe get a bit desperate." They did. Stung by a fifth-minute goal by Rivaldo, the quick Brazilian whom Barcelona preferred to Steve McManaman, Real poured forward, only to fall to the classic counter. Figo slipped

his marker down the right, crossed low and Rivaldo scored at the near post. Cañizares, the keeper, was

beaten seconds short of a

record 710-minute shutout. Rund Hesp, the Barcelona goalkeeper, was spared his own uncertainties until the 49th minute when Raúl, the cult figure of Spanish youth, stole in to score from six yards. Back came Barcelona, regaining the lead barely a minute later through the irrepressible Luis Enrique, who drifted beyond two men before seeing his shot rise into the net.

Luís Enrique was once a Real hero; Davor Suker momentarily became that when he controlled at a touch and shot left-footed through Barcelona's defences from 17 yards. The Catalans rode their luck when Pedrag Mijatovic clipped the bar and Suker comically mishit the rebound. They dug in and won the final bout of substitutions.

Real brought on more attackers; Van Gaal unveiled his second Brazilian, Giovanni, who, two minutes after taking the field and 12 minutes from time, outpaced Hiero to touch home Figo's inviting left-wing cross.

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Newcomer turns into heavyweight player

played, Channel 5's top rating programme is still Poland v England, which managed to pull in an audience of almost four million. despite the lamentable presentation. A new head of sport later, there are growing signs that while that record may not be broken before Christmas, it could fall in the new year. Now run by Robert Charles. the former head of sport at Yorkshire Television, the channel is showing increasing signs of getting its sporting house in order.

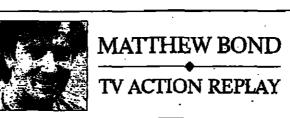
This week is probably his most important yet. Tomorrow night, there is Aston Villa v Athletic Bilbao; on Thursday, it's Chelsea's home game against Tromso and, in the ing - to the surprise of everyone, except Charles they have world championship heavyweight boxing. No subscription, no pay-per-view, just Michael Moorer against Evander Holyfield, live some time after 4.00am and then repeated at the more humane hour of 9.00am.

But for the rival attraction on Tuesday of Liverpool against Strasbourg on BBCl (an early goal could be crucial in more ways than one), there is every chance of two and, possibly, all three of these events muscling into the new channel's all time top ten. That Channel 5's top ten programmes since launch could be sports events - good news

follow up his boxing coup with others - rather embarrassing for everybody else.

Slightly unexpectedly, this top ten doesn't yet include Wednesday's World Cup game between Ireland and Belgium. Overnight figures indicate an average audience of around two million, which seems poor reward for a clever bit of opportunism. Yet what the game did confirm was Charles's apparent maxim for his sports output: don't be different for the sake of being different, be the same as the people who do it

So there was Jeremy Nicholas, in jacket, collar and tie. reading his Autocue script and discussing the game with



his studio guests, David O'Leary and Charlie Nicholas. It's a format we have seen a thousand times before and for one simple reason: it works. The one element of danger came with the announcement that Gary Bloom's co-commentator was the ever-idiosyncratic Jack Charlton. angerous it quickly proved, with Bloom and Charlton disagreeing about virtually

everything, including whether

Nilis's goal should have been rably, whether it was Rene van der Elst (Charlton) or Franky van der Elst (everybody else) who was gracing Lansdowne Road with his presence. The difference was a small matter

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The surprise winners of Wednesday night turned out to be Channel 4, who attracted

snowy encounter between night for slide-tackles," Don Howe predicted from the commentary position. "And an even better one for hats," Peter Brackley agreed, setting the tone for his relaxed but accurate commentary style.

If Channel 5 are sensibly opting for safety first, Channel showed that it is possible to be different and successful at once. James Richardson, in Moscow, was as polished a host as you would expect of a man who has presented the channel's Football Italia for years. According to Richardson, it was "the most important live game we have ever shown you on Football Italia". According to the powersthe first live international game that the channel has shown "as far as we can remember".

The coverage was marred only by some splendidly eccentric camera-work from the Russian host-broadcaster, including a cut-away to an unidentified Russian VIP just as the Italian forwards slithered into the opposing penalty area. "If there had been a goal then, we wouldn't have seen it." Brackley noted accurately. Two minutes later there wasand thankfully we did.

Away from football, the biggest beneficiary of Channel 5's growing sports output is Steve Scott, who arrived from TTN to present Rugby Express, the Sunday highlights packgo by. Rugby Express will not be setting any audience records, but the programme made a competent enough start last weekend, although the decision to take Scott out of the studio and into the grounds seems to emphasise that what we are watching is recorded.

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Scott will also anchor the boxing, for which his studio will include John Conteh: Commentary will be provided by Reg Gutteridge and the newly-retired Steve Collins. If the fight is a decent one and Aston Villa and Chelsea both do what is expected of them, it will have been quite a week for Britain's newest terrestrial broadcaster.

A Sunday morning in Croydon may show if abuse of officials by professionals is contaminating the grass roots

Why on earth do referees do it?

n interesting turnover statistic was last week revealed by the Referees' Association. Every year 6,000 new referees are recruited but with unfortunate symmetry, every year 6,000 also jack it in. They didn't say exactly how this jacking-in occurs, but you can easily imagine the rather touching

black book and then performs ant lap of honour with arms outstretched, as though balancing a cup and forearm, while a group of yobs chants dutifully "The referee's a splendid bloke (just for once).

Now, it's not a bit surprising that referees depart the game droves. What's much more remarkable is that there are draves arriving in the opposite direction, with

those nice white bands round the tops of their black socks and the rules of football memorised for instant use. What on earth is in it for them, exactly, these lunatic 6,000? Don't they ever watch football on the telly and read the lips like the rest of us? A labiodental fricative (or "F") means only one thing, and is quite unmistakable. As referees, these 6,000 poor volunteer saps will be isolated. abused and threatened, they'll be paid very little money and they'll become Broadmoor psychiatric

nurses instead? Broadmoor is indoors, mostly. And you get cups

Yet still they do it - and their goodwill is simply taken for granted. Yesterday morning at Purley Way, Croydon, umpteen qualified refs turned up - fat and thin, old and young, black and white, male and female — selflessly to officiate ceremony. The retiring ref hands in the cold and fog, enforce in his whistle, surrenders his little jewellery rules and report teams

who turned up without corner flags or a full age of the great wright, пеѕѕее

Williams. which was dis-Tennessee Wilways falling over - but his stamina belied his little white legs and, if he looked worried. it was in a good cause. These

blokes lend all

their expertise

just so that other people can have a good time playing football. What heroes they are, when you think

When I say "football", of course, I'm being only broadly descriptive on this occasion. This Purley Way ritual was a funny old thing to miss The Archers for, I have to say. Play was all random biff and boff, with an enormous lot of shouted instructions to distract attention from the non-existent boot-skills. "Darren!" went up the frequent shout, as the ball zinged haphazardly and players clumsily collid-



Croydon, south London: umpteen qualified referees turned up yesterday - fat and thin, old and young, black and white, male and female - selflessly to officiate

"Jason!" "Darren!" "Jason!" Darren or Jason, which kept things simple when moving be-tween games. If you needed to assume protective colouring at this event, in fact, all you'd need to do is shriek, "Get stuck in, Jason!" and you'd fit right in immediately.

ut the point was, here in south London was an opportunity to test the fears of the Referees' Association. Is top-level indiscipline and disrespect contaminating the grass roots? Are the players on Purley Way imitating the Ian Wrights and Emmanuel Petits and John Hartsons? I prepared myself for lots of swearing and showing off and constructed a not entirely original theory that nowadays nobody respects grey hairs, or selflessness, or indeed authority. Nowadays nobody respects any-

thing except money.

However, it didn't turn out that way, perhaps because play at this level is so imprecise that players are too busy blaming each other to blame the ref. A few shouts of "Oy, ref!" and "Ten yards, ref!" were as bad as it got. I was quite relieved. In the Marcus Lipton Cup firstround game between Oakfield



Highbury, north London: Arsenal players crowd the referee after he sent off Emmanuel Petit last week

Wanderers and Barnwell, I saw a female referee award a controversial penalty and assumed for a moment that this was it. I gulped and got my notepad out. Here was a story in the making. Big blokes

bullying a woman.

At which point all ill-feeling miraculously subsided and the aggrieved coach shouted: "Ricky,

don't argue about it. It's been given. Now get on with the game."
Ho hum. I put the notepad away again. The penalty went high and wide and the incident was forgotten. Now why can't Arsens Wenger take such a sensible attitude to refereeing decisions, that's what I want to know.

None of this answers the ques-

tion: "Why?" Why do they want this awful, ill-rewarded job? The refs I questioned yesterday just said they loved football and wanted to be part of it - but that sounds a bit wet, quite frankly. Perhaps they get a buzz pointing at big footballers and blowing a reproving "cheep, cheep" on their whis-tles. Perhaps, when they send their

children to bed at night, they the authority to impose yourself on the game, one ref said: You learn how to let them know who's boss, send them off." And he smiled quite wide at the thought of it. As confidence therapy, however.

football refereeing sadly works both ways. Hence the revolvingdoor syndrome described by the Referees' Association. Some new recruits, fresh from their written exam, are so scared to death by the pitch experience that they simply give up at once. Half of them drop out, in shock Imagine your first game entailed a tricky decision and you said: "Give me a minute, I haven't done this before." There'd be no mercy for that sort of thing. You've seen those nature films of hyenas attacking a limping zebra? That's the nightmare you'd have for the rest of your life.

The swearing at refs in the big game is stupid and yobbish — and there's another thing I don't like about it, which is that it's megabuck players insulting people who are paid a lot less. That's terrible bad manners. At least at the Purley Way level, the refs are the only ones paid to turn up. Which must give them rather a lift, actually.

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Schumacher and fair play

From Mr & Mrs H. Reynolds Sir, In its 200mph rush to heap praise on motor sport's new-found appeal, today's leading article (Wheel of Fortune, October 27) failed to negotiate the credibility gap that opened on lap 48 of the European Grand Prix. Far from marking a high point, the race highlighted the aban-donment of the sporting notion that victories exist to be fairly won, and defeats to be honourably endured. Formula One's great day

should have seen Michael Schumacher sacked by Ferrari for besmirching a great marque and banned by the FIA for devaluing a great tradition. Now lifetime enthusiasts must consider what is to be gained by continuing to support a "sport" apparently content to allow its leading role-models to display all the moral fibre of a spark plug.

HOWARD REYNOLDS. VALERIE REYNOLDS, 140 Greenacres, Wetheral, Cumbria.

From Mr Noel Henderson Sir, In view of the massive condemnation of Michael European Grand Prix, one must ask why Ayrton Senna was not similarly criticised seven years ago when he deliberately took Alain Prost off the circuit in Australia to ensure his own world title.

That Schumacher failed in his attempt is no defence; yet Senna succeeded and yet was not only allowed to keep his title but has almost been canonised in recent years. He may or may not have been the greatest driver of his day, but he frequently used dishonest and bullying tactics. That he reached a world title through such tactics was an open invitation to copy him.

Schumacher may or may not be the best driver today; but the governing body must act now to ensure that he is judged - and penalised - for

Yours faithfully, NOEL HENDERSON. 29 Campion Drive, Guisborough, Cleveland.

From Mr Peter Williams Sir, In attempting to duplicate his dismissal of Damon Hill from the Australian Grand Prix in 1994, Michael Schumacher's tactics at Jerez on Sunday warrant immediate and punitive disciplinary

When, on the grounds of safety, Villeneuve and Schu-macher (at Silverstone 1994)

Standing up for rugby against Danny Baker

SPORTS LETTERS

From Mr Richard Beecham

Sir, Danny Baker's attack on rugby (October 25) must originate with some childhood trauma or maybe from ignorance of the facts. In either case he has badly (and sadly) missed the point.

Hove Rugby Football Club has one of the largest actively participating memberships of any sports club in the Borough of Brighton & Hove. In addition to four regular senior teams we have a women's team, a veterans' team and 350 youth players (boys and girls), from under 7 to under 19. Hove is just one of hundreds of clubs up and down the country with a similar story. Club rugby is booming, particularly among women and the young.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BEECHAM (Chairman, Hove RFC), 50 Beaconsfield Villas, Brighton, Sussex.

From Mr Steven Page

Sir, Although I would not be described as a frothing rugby maniac, I would say that I would never take a child to a football match. Having been to several, I could not put any impressionable youngster through 90 minutes of football with its undercurrents of violence and constant foul and abusive language. Of the internationals I have seen at Twickenham, and of the provincial rugby matches throughout the country, I would be proud to take a child to experience the delight of watching live sport in and among a loud, but unerringly friendly

Yours faithfully. 28 Sedgwick Avenue, Hillingdon, Middlesex.

are disqualified from competing for ignoring warning flags, it remains ludicrously inconsistent to "allow", or simply brush under the carpet, deliberate acts like the one Schumacher attempted last Sunday. In the last decade "cheating" has gone un-checked in Formula One mo-

tor racing. Rather than a shrug of the shoulders, the authorities that police Formula One should overrule the decision of the track at Jerez, and haul Schumacher in front of a full disciplinary committee.

After the dark shadow cast

by the Schumacher manoeu-

vre it was a relief to see true sportsmanship prevail in Coulthard and Villeneuve's graceful concession to Hakkinen, allowing him his richly deserved first grand prix win. Fair play and comradeship, it seems, live on in motor racing. It is thus incumbent on

Ferrari's Jean Toot that he ensures that his current drivers live up to the standards of fair play that Enzo Ferrari would have expected of them. Yours faithfully, PETER WILLIAMS, 57 Foreland Road,

From Mr Peter Hearne Sir. A driver who acted as Schumacher did, on a public road would be punished

> a race track at racing speeds it is even more culpable. Motor sport's governing body must recognise that no comparable sport, such as sailing, for example, tolerates deliberate interference with other competitors of a lifethreatening nature, and act

speedily and disqualified. On

Yours sincerely. PETER HEARNE. Wateringbury,

From Mr A. Powys-Lybbe Sir. When I raced in the 1934 and 1935 Ulster Tourist tro-phy, the established convention, as it should surely continue to be was that the first into the corner had the right to it, unimpeded. Infringement such as that blatantly exhibited by Villeneuve amounts to interference such as, in other forms of racing, would be penalised. Certainly Schumacher's reaction was unwise, if understandable. But for Villeneuve to have escaped penalty seems beyond belief.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, ANTONY POWYS-LYBBE, 8 Church Street, Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

From Mrs Yvette Moyse

Sir, Michael Schumacher has never been forgiven in this. country for allegedly depriv-ing local hero Damon Hill of "his" championship title in 1994, a view made all too apparent by the mean-spirited reaction to Schumacher's disaster by Hill himself.

Now, in the midst of rejoicing over Schumacher's perceived comeuppance, can we please remember that this man is not only the outstanding driver of his generation. but that throughout his nightmare first season with Ferrari in 1996, and the cruelly disap-

pointed hopes of 1997, he has never given less than his best, has seldom driven his difficult F310B less than brilliantly. and has given great pleasure to the many admirers of his incomparable skill and admirable sportsmanship. Yours faithfully, YVETTE MOYSE,

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l Ridgeway, Wimbledon, London.

From Mr J.A.J. Berry Sir. Amid all the hullabaloo. the quite extraordinary successes of the Williams team appear to have been over-looked. In its short life, which began in 1978, it has now won nine constructors' championships and seven drivers' championships. In contrast, Ferrari, since 1950, has eight and nine respectively. Yours faithfully, J.A.J. BERRY, The Mansion House,

Abbotts Ann,

Andover, Hampshire.

From Mr Stephen Andrews Sir, When considering the post-race comments of Michael Schumacher — or indeed of his brother — it is worth bearing in mind that their surname translates almost exactly as "cobblers". Yours faithfully, STEPHEN ANDREWS. Priory Chase,





First impressions of the 1997 All Blacks and Jonah Lomu - as the New Zealand party arrives in England for the autumn rugby internationals.

■ Wednesday Have Aston Villa and Liverpool won places in

the Uefa Cup third round in a big week of European club football?

Evander Holyfield prepares for his first bout since the infamous fight with Mike Tyson.

■ Saturday Football Saturday: the Premiership match-by-match, Oliver Holt, Steve McManaman and Danny Baker.

Britain exposed for their lack of forward thinking

By Christopher Irvine

IN THESE dog days for British rugby league, what is required is a mongrel in the pack, a forward who can put

genuine bite into the tackle and generally bound the opposition. A couple, even. Australia, as always, have an abundance of the breed. On Saturday, at Wembley, they gave a pedigree performance in the first British Gas interna-

Great Britain desperately need to improve their forward play to prevent another series being lost at Old Trafford on Saturday, but the few names that spring to mind are either injured, unavailable or past their sell-by date. Simon Haughton has been criticised for his defence - although that could have applied to any number of the side at Wembley - but the Wigan forward's powerful running would at least take Britain in the direction they need to go.

Get the mental side right and the physical will take care of itself, Andy Goodway said, in which case the Britain coach and his staff have a significant task trying to instil self-belief in their team. Apart from a heady few minutes when they led 14-10, Britain thought and acted like a beaten team, prone to elementary errors and, most seriously, stopping to admire the

mperious Laurie Daley. Even more than his hattrick of tries in the first half, Daley was the master craftsman behind Australia's first tour win at Wembley since 1963. The 41 000 crowd rose only to Daley, whose silken

finishing and general orches-tration underlined that, as good as Andy Farrell is, the Britain captain is no stand off half in this class.

Daley is a modest fellow, a captain who knows that teamwork is the key. It was the Australia forwards, criticised at home for their inexperience, for whom he reserved singular praise. They laid the platform, which made my job so much easier," he said. Tallis, explosive and unstoppable, had a marvellous debut and will not be easily removed from the side by a fit Clyde; Thorn, mischeviously and relentlessly, slowed Britain down at the play-the-ball; and the veteran. Walters, rolled back the years at hooker.

Unlike the notoriously conservative international matches of recent years at Wembley. this one was awash with colour and flair, played with breadth and at breathless pace. Where Britain's honest toilers tried to compete but ultimately failed was in making inroads when the ball went wide. Without the sustained and committed forward effort, Newlove, Hunte and Radlinski were generally cut down in their own half.

Whether Farrell should remain at stand-off is a less pressing question than who is there to succeed him. Injuries to a succession of half backs mean that Sean Long is the only fit candidate, unless lestyn Harris's back problem is not as bad as reported. Switched to his creative role at loose forward, Farrell would be more comfortable than he

looked on Saturday. Up against Gower, another of Australia's young Turks. Bobbie Goulding fired intermittently at scrum half. His short-kicking game brought



Smith, left, is embraced by Sailor after scoring his try

wise to his one-dimensional ploy, Australia closed him down in a second half that vielded Britain no points, only trustration, as Australia exploited the referee's patience

Significantly, when Britain ran with confidence they un-nerved an Australia side that, by their standards, are far from unbeatable. When tackles were broken and players maintained their support, Newlove provided Lowes with an excellent second Britain try in a rapid response to Australia's opening ten-point burst.

If Goodway's mantra for staying calm had been fol-lowed. Britain might not have got into the mess that Daley had put them by half-time. No sooner had he claimed his second try than Britain were recklessly caught cold by Australia's quick restart, which Lowes failed to gather. Daley applied the gloss finish with almost casual disdain.

The slapdash tackling was

reminiscent of the ill-fated world club championship, which has conditioned British supporters to Australian hegemony. Then there were the schoolboy howlers — McDermott failing to play the ball properly and Broadbent, his fellow prop, handing Thorn possession, again from a re-start — that led to the opening tries by Daley and Gower. Another factor was Australia's greater skill, epitomised by the six-man move for Smith's try.

Any hope of a second comeback by Britain was killed off by the first of two tries by Mullins, a salmon leap for Daley's cross-field kick, appropriately in the same corner where Jonathan Davies beat him for the winning try in 1994. When he completed a 90-metre burst for his second try in the same spot, Mullins's radiant smile spokes volumes.



Death knell sounds for a game in crisis

reptilian figure in brushed suede bomber jacket and cream chinos, lurked in the shadows at Wembley Park Station. "Who wants tickets?" he murmured. "I'm selling

cheap. Real cheap." By a delicious irony, he was another victim of the market forces that are reshaping modern sport, Ignored, he eventually cut his losses and stalked off. The first rugby league international between Great Britain and Australia was a non-event, a distorted showcase for a game committing slow suicide.

It had the feel of one of those doomed American footmissionary matches at old stadium, a self-concionsly brash occasion that evoked all the passion of a whist drive. There were too many tourists with free tickets, too few signs of authenticity to reassure the committed ollower. The attempts at

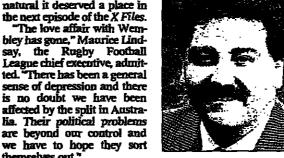
howmanship were risible. Even the match was an dmission of failure. The shadow Australia team, pro-duced by the schism between Super League and the tradi-tionalists of the Australian Rugby League (ARL), had infinitely more pace, percep-

tion and power. The sight of Laurie Daley, their captain, offering the Poms words of encouragement seemed so unnatural it deserved a place in

"The love affair with Wembley has gone," Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, admitted. There has been a general sense of depression and there is no doubt we have been affected by the split in Austra-lia. Their political problems are beyond our control and we have to hope they sort themselves out."

Lindsay believes that will take another year and plans to address his own problems this week by sanctioning the promotion of Huddersfield to the Super League. The Paris club will be asked to regroup and re-enter in 1999, when the credibility of franchises in South Wales and Scotland will be established.

"Next year is going to be a batten-down-the-hatches job," Lindsay said. "The gravy train has stopped and we have to plan for 1999 and beyond. All I can do at the moment is rationalise and stabilise our game. We have a product that is too strong to throw away." Rugby league has drunk at MICHAEL CALVIN



More than a match was lost on Saturday

tankard behind the bar, bu something has to give. Intriguingly, Lindsay's guests at Wembley were Fran Cotton and Cliff Brittle, the men seeking to limit the damage inflicted by rugby union's similarly flawed revolution.

Despite denials across the cultural divide, the destiny of both codes is linked. Each is living beyond its natural means and attempting, with due deference to unsustainable tradition, to extract maximum advantage when commercial realities dictate that a merger is inevitable.

Clubs of both persuasions are being undermined fatally by the economics of the madhouse. Television income, initially regarded as a panacea, merely accelerates the cycle of boom and bust. It was not entirely coinci-

dental that both squads on Saturday featured victims of economic circumstance. Paul Atcheson, of Great Britain, was not paid for two months by the now-defunct Oldham Bears and only secured his inancial future by signing for St Helens last week. Robbie Kearns, the Australia prop. is memployed because his club, Perth Reds, has folded.

Players cannot escape blame. They have swallowed to the first £35 million of the £87 million invested in the domestic game by News Corporation, parent company of The Times. Facilities, youth schemes and marketing have remained moribund.

"I feel like apologising to News Corp for not using their money wisely." Lindsay said.
"I still believe in the philosophy of Super League, but we were attacked from all sides. The ARL came here, waving £10 million at our best players. Newly-professionalised rugby union did the same. Our clubs found themselves hurtling towards the edge of the cliff."

Problems are universal. Australian Rules is taking root in Sydney, a heartland of rugby league. This series is regarded as an irrelevance.

Domestically, the logic of merger has never been more clearly defined. The best taient in northern rugby union is gravitating south, leaving scope for a rump of league dubs to evolve. The biggest hurdle to fundamental change remains the Rugby Football Union, which will be vulnerable if it fails to secure

control of players' contracts. It does not require much imagination to envisage a new code, featuring league institutions such as Bradford in. St Helens, Leeds and Hull, alongside union clubs such as Leicester, Wasps, Harlequins, Newcastle, Glou-

cester, Bath and Cardiff. "I'm not going to deliver this game on a plate to anyone," Lindsay insisted. "I'm not going to surrender after two years, because ours is the best game. It is just beset

by political uncertainties." Às faults go, that is rather like extolling the virtues of a wonderful villa on the slope of an active volcano.

SPEEDWAY

Promoters plead for play-offs to remain

BY TONY HOARE

COVENTRY and Exeter delivered surprise results to win the end-of-season play-off compe-titions amid overwhelming calls for the competition to be

continued next year.

The Craven Shield for Elite League teams and Young Shield for the Premier League have faced criticism for causing fixture congestion in the final month of the campaign, but matches drew large crowds and are set to stay in 1998. Both victorious teams beat the league champions on their way to success. Coventry defeating King's Lynn for the first time in five matches to

win both legs. In the Premier League, Exeter took their first big trophy in 14 years. A large crowd packed into the County Ground to see the Falcons pull back a 12-point deficit against a tired Long Eaton side in the second leg - the first success for Colin Hill, their promoter

Hill said: "It's fabulous to win something, but these meetings are bad for the nerves! These play-offs have been brilliant for us, the atmosphere is always better with a bigger crowd. It is an excellent way to finish the

season." Graham Drury, the defeated Long Eaton promoter, insisted the shields - named after Peter Craven and Jack Young, double world champions from the Fifties and Sixties - have been successful. He said: "We had our third-best crowd of the season in our home ieg of the final. The play-offs are here to stay. I will be striving for them to remain.

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Solitary sport finds its way in the modern world

Simon Wilde asks Steve

Hale to take a bearing

on the most singular appeal of orienteering

or a man who spends so much of his time with a compass in one hand and a map in the other, running full pelt through dense forest and skipping from one lichened boulder to another with the sure-footedness of a mountain goat, Steve Hale does not seem to get out much. His idea of a fun winter evening, when it gets dark early, is to stick on a head-torch and run full pelt through dense forest, skipping from one lichened boulder to another ...

"I am an obsessive, we all are." Hale said, gesturing towards a field full of lycra-clad men and women talking of their escapades during a classic distance race at Witherslack Hall in the Lake District, as cathartically as golfers at the 19th. "It is not

money or publicity that drives you."

Orienteering has held Hale in thrall for most of his life. His house is situated on an orienteering map, he married an orienteer and, though she is only three years old, their daughter is already running through fields following winding pieces of string at the ends of which are sweets.

Perhaps it is the very privacy of the activity that brings on the eccentricity, for not only are there few financial incentives, there are virtually no speciators at the inevitably remote and ever-changing venues, save for the finishing-lines in big races in Scandinavia, the sport's stronghold.

"When I am running, all I have time to think about is where I am and where I am supposed to be going. Lose concentration and you lose time," Hale, who crashed through the undergrowth on his way to a high placing on Saturday, said. "It can be quite a shock when you burst out into the field at the end and are hit by a wall of sound. It is something orienteers are not used to, unlike footballers, who regularly play in

front of 25,000 people." The man-versus-nature solitariness has also encouraged claims that orienteering is one of the last true



Loneliness of the long-distance orienteer: Hale wants a new dimension added to the man-versus-nature sport by encouraging spectators

amateur sports, though stress points are emerging as commercial pressures grow - and Hale, the British No 1, is controversially at the centre

Spectator-points are becoming more of a feature at the big events and there is talk of staging a race accessible to the public and television cameras in a parkland setting in London during the build-up to the world championships in Inverness in 1999. This weekend's meeting attracted a strong field wanting to use the visit as reconnaissance for Scotland and two World Cup events in the Lakes next May.

Hale, who is 34 and about at his peak, revels in the idea of supporters. believing that their presence would add a much-needed dimension, but the purists are repelled by the notion

saving the sport's soul from corrupting influences and, until recently at any rate, were getting their way.

Prize-money remains footling and arguably only one man - Jorgen Martenssen, of Sweden - earns a living. Hale merely covers his costs. The sport has also relied heavily on self-regulation, with competitors trusted to abide by rulings on local hazards, but it has always been possible for a struggler to be overtak-en by one of the favourites and then follow him or her to the finish without further recourse to their map. There are ways of dealing with such occurrences - Hale's approach would be to "warn off" such a pursuer - but they have had bearings on important championships.

But the question now is whether self-regulation can survive as competition grows ever fiercer. Seven years

ago, Hale moved to Sweden to learn what he could from its high-class system: Sweden has long had the best natural and financial resources for orienteering and he knew he could not get to the top without racing there. He saved up enough from his computer job to send himself there for a year to race and sharpen his navigational skills. It was there, too, that he met his wife, which led him to abandon plans to return to Britain. Sweden is his home now.

ut Hale's presence, and that of other foreign competitors, up-set Sweden's national team leadership and they have recently changed the qualification rules for elite races so that foreign nationals can no longer take part. Hale's showing in the last world championships was disappointing, but he had

stunned the Swedes by bouncing back and winning their national championships.

"I have had my collisions with them in the past couple of years," he said. "What they have done goes against the whole ethos. The irony is that we help each other so much. We go on training camps together and coach each other. But the Swedes are the Big Brother of the sport. They can manage without outside help. Everyone likes to beat the Swedes.

It was rumoured that during Saturday's race a few competitors scaled a farmer's wall rather than circumvent it, as they had been instructed to by the organisers. Such. apparently, is now the demand for world ranking points. Orienteering is in for an interesting future. Let us hope they can all continue to distinguish the wood from the trees.

ICE HOCKEY

Eagles calm Storm with determined fightback

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE first-leg matches in the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup were staged at the weekend and, while Manchester Storm and Ayr Scottish Eagles still have much to play for, Cardiff Devils appear to have their place booked in next month's

When Manchester led 3-0 after less than five minutes. they must have been confident of taking a big lead to Scotland for the second leg next Saturday, but they had failed to take into account Ayr's fighting spirit. The Eagles reduced the deficit within two minutes and, although the Storm soon restored their three-goal margin, it was 4-2 by the first interval. Two second-period goals brought the Eagles level by the second break and a scoreless third session followed.

In contrast, Cardiff Devils will take a four-goal lead into their second leg against Newcastle Cobras after a 6-2 win on Saturday. Steve Thornton opened Cardiff's account while two Newcastle players were in the penalty box. Vezio Sacratini quickly made it 2-0.

A third Cardiff goal came

early in the second period, but the Cobras managed to reduce the deficit to 3-2 by midway through the session. Cardiff's superior teamwork proved decisive, however, and the final scoreline was a fair reflection of the game.

In the first match in the Express Cup. Sheffield Steelers suffered their worst defeat for more than two years when they lost 9-1 to Nottingham

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Carrat gives Pontypridd stick

Pontypridd..

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

these two clubs now is respect. In one sense, that was the more significant result of the quarter-final play-off at the Stade Municipal here on Saturday. even though victory carries Brive, the holders of the Heineken Cup, to a quarter-final with Wasps at Loftus Road next Sunday.

it will be hard to bury the past completely — not while the threat lingers of legal action to be taken over the bar-room brawl that followed the first pool match between the two in mid-September; not while a suspended fine remains outstanding, imposed for the mass brawl that took place on the field the same day - but the salutations between players from Brive and Pontypridd seemed genuine enough.

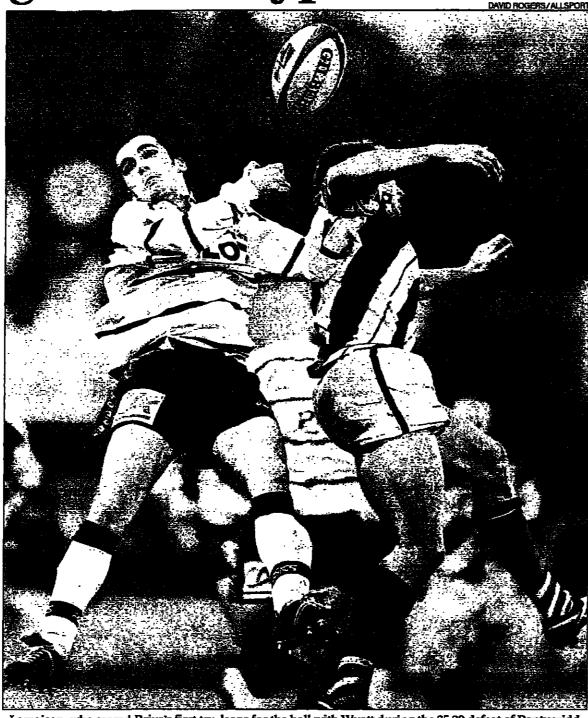
Even Patrick Sebastien, the Brive president and voluble in defence of his players seven weeks earlier, acknowledged Pontypridd's quality. Yet arguments suggesting that the Welsh club would have won at full strength, or if Neil Jenkins had kicked two penalty goal opportunities in the final quarter.

At half-time, the Welsh League champions, shorn of half a team by injuries and the judicial process, were dead and buried; clearly Brive, leading by 18 points after denying Pontypridd even a sniff of their tryline, believed that to be so, before a remarkable 17 minutes of rugby left the Frenchmen gazing at a two-point deficit and their title slipping away.

That they won by putting together their most sustained period of continuous play is infinitely to their credit, but it is hard to feel anything but sympathy for Pontypridd. A year ago, points difference denied them progress in the Heineken Cup; this season, in the most demanding of pools, they have lost by one point and five points in Brive's fortress and, on Saturday, they threw up the game's hero in Dafydd James.

Brive know all about James: he scored two tries against them at the first time of asking, a third at Sardis Road and his fourth on Saturday pulled Pontypridd level. Yet it was not so much his tryscoring as the all-round level of the centre's game that commanded attention. Wales will doubtless prefer him on the wing, but James, centre in his own right.

Brive, it should be remembered, had not played together for three weeks because of the effects of the Latin Cup on French domestic rugby, but you would not have thought so from the productivity of their first half. Having scored ten points in as many minutes, it was as much their own errors in the



Lamaison, who scored Brive's first try, leaps for the ball with Wyatt during the 25-20 defeat of Pontypridd

tackle and in finishing that denied them an even greater lead.

Their second try will haunt Pontypridd: Carbonneau was allowed to erupt straight through a lineout, the influential Magne and Duboisset offered support and Travers; the dynamic hooker, finished the movement. Even when Jenkins kicked two goals just after half-time, there seemed little for Brive to worry over, until the pressure that they had exerted throughout the first half was turned

Williams, so sound throughout, turned a retreating five-metre scrum into the launching pad for a try by Spiller and the red-headed flanker was there again after John had worked the short side, adding his pace to help create the try scored by James. Jenkins's conversion sounded the alarm bells in French ears and, within two minutes, Brive had retrieved the position; Wyatt failed to hold Penaud's steepling kick, Magne's pass gave Carrat his chance at the corner and Brive their quarter-final.

SCORERS: Brive: Tries: Lamaison (4min), Travers (25), Carrat (59). Conversions: Lamaison 2. Penethy goals: Lamaison 2 (10, 37). Pontypridd: Tries: Spiller (54), James (57). Conversions: Jenkins 2. Penethy goals: Jenions 2 (46, 49)

Referee: J Fleming (Scotland).

but we would prefer to play our visitors from the southern

hemisphere. Thus, we might have found red faces all around the European Rugby Cup Ltd deliberating table, which, given their less than satisfactory way of administering their disciplinary mea-

tance — only just, for the match was a close-run thing but who, in the meantime, is to

Defeat saves Llanelli from difficult choice

By GERALD DAVIES

CARDIFF spared the organisers of the Heineken Cup from potential embarrassment by beating Llanelli in Saturday's tussle for a quarter-final place. Llanelli, had they won, would have been faced with the awkward decision of either fulfilling a quarter-final fixture against Bath or meeting the All

Llanelli felt, of course, that it would be an honour to play against England's premier club of the last dozen years or so. And, of course, they would be proud to continue to participate in the European tournament. But, just in case it might have escaped anyone's notice, the New Zealanders are bigger than both.

In other words, as they would have said at Stradey Park, thanks ever so much, sures, would have been well

Cardiff came to their assis-

selves presently in a groove whereby they amass a comfortable lead, as they did recently against both Bridg-end and Ebbw Vale, only to surrender the initiative and end up being given an awful fright. It was the same on Saturday, when Llanelli came dangerously close to turning the tables. Indeed, the visitors eventually outscored them by three tries to two.

We lack discipline," was the conclusion of Terry Holmes, the Cardiff coach. We were leading 21-3 and all we needed was to do was go on and get another score, but we didn't. We committed too many errors and we need to mend our ways before meeting Bath." Their substantial lead was

established three minutes into the second half, when Gregori Kacala, to his great and spon-taneous delight, scored Cardiff's second try, which was converted by Jarvis, who had already kicked three penalty goals in the first half, when Justin Thomas, on his 25th birthday, scored a fine try.

In a game of sporadic excitement, Cardiff preferred to keep things tight while Lianelli, at every opportunity, tried to play fast and loose, but without much success in that first 40 minutes, when Warlow's penalty goal had provided their only points.

Then, when the contest seemed all over bar the shout-ing. Llanelli suddenly hit a

assist Cardiff? They find them- purple patch. There was little continuity to their play, no definite rhythm, but they had in their midst a few players who could make a difference and three tries came in eight minutes. Boobyer cut through the middle from halfway to pave a path from McBryde's score and a quick tapped penalty created the space for Proctor's try.

The third try was the best of the three. Darryl Williams, breaking from within his own ten-metre line, was supported by Steve Jones, who gave the final pass to Garan Evans. With Warlow's conversion, there was only a point in it and Cardiff were on the rack, which lent the match the kind of real excitement that it had mostly lacked.

A penalty by Jarvis extend-ed the lead, but each time that Llanelli had the ball, Cardiff supporters shuddered - and there were many such moments, even though, at the end, it was their players who were exerting pressure.

CARDIFF. J Thomas: N Walker, L Devies Hill (rep. R. Ross., 42min), C. Morgen, Janus, R Howley, S John, J Humphreys, Young, J Tait, D Jones, G Kacala, G Jor (rep. J Ringer, 71), S Williams.

LIANELLE'S Jones; W Proctor, N Boobys F Bottca (rep: D Williams, 14), G Evans (rep: A Thomas, 76); C Wardow, R Moon, R Jone (rep: S Gale, 53), R McBryde, H Williams Jones, D Hodges (rep: S Ford, 53), M Voyle A Gibbs, I Jones, H Jenkins.

Ireland name five new caps

IRELAND have named five players — in key positions — who could hardly be described as household names even in their own country to face New Zealand on Saturday week at Lansdowne Road (Karl Johnston writes).

Kevin Nowlan, at full back, John McWeeney, on the wing, Conor McGuinness, at scrum half. Malcolm O'Kelly at lock and Kieron Dawson at open-side flanker will all make their debuts against the All Blacks. Yet it was an indication of the way that the Brian Ashton-inspired squad has been evolving over the past six weeks that there were few raised

eyebrows at the press conference yesterday. Pat Whelan, the Ireland manager, said that the performances of the St Mary's trio of Nowlan, McWeeney and McGuinness in European competition had helped to gain them selection. Injuries have played their part, though: the absence of Jeremy Davidson, the British Isles lock, gives O'Kelly his chance, while Richard Wallace and Conor O'Shea, had the Ireland Development XV that will play The

Nowlan and McWeeney. Dawson and McGuinness have, unquestionably, been chosen on merit.

Nowlan, 21, made his Leinster debut against Connacht in August and scored the try that won the Guinness inter-provincial championship. McWeeney, another 21-year-old, also made his Leinster debut this season. McGuinness, 22, was the first-choice scrum half last year for Connacht, while O'Kelly and Dawson have both played for Ireland at Ateam level.

RELAND: K Nowlan (St Mary's College); D Hickie (College), R Henderson (Wasps), M McCall (London McWeeney (St Mary's College); E Electod (Galve McGuinness (St Mary's College); N Popplewel (New Wood (Harieques, captelli), P Wallace (Saracars), (Saracars), M O'Kelly (London Insh), E Haller Daveson (London Insh), E Miller (Leicester), Replace Marcos (Richall, D Harndraves, onclos Insh), B Chike

☐ Dominic Crotty, David O'Mahony and they been fit, might well have been preferred to Exiles in Limerick on November 12.

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CHANGING TIMES

Scots so nervous about the nineties have expected from Glasgow.

By MARK SOUSTER

RECORDS tumbled at Welford Road after a perfor-mance described by Bob Dwyer as the best since he took charge, one that ensures a trip to Pau in the quarterfinals of the Heineken Cup next Sunday. It was the biggest total by a side in the tournament, the highest number of tries (14) — four from Michael Horak, the full back - and the best individual

While Dwyer had every reason to smile, the embarrassing nature of Glasgow's defeat could have serious ramfications for Scottish rugby. This mis-match will only lend weight to the argument that neither Scotland, nor Ireland for that matter, deserve to

tally, 35 points, by Joel

thought questions whether it is fair that the English have to toil through 22 games of a league season to get into Europe, while the Scots and Irish play a mere three.

involvement, though, should be resisted strongly. For the ern hemisphere rugby, surely from a sterile Anglo-French enterprise.

Hamish Fyfe, the Glasgow manager, spoke of learning from this humiliation. "It was not a good result from that perspective [Scottish representation in Europel, but I think we have contributed and another year of professional-ism will help," he said. One consolation was James

Craig's splendid solo try from 65 metres after 13 minutes. However, the least one could

competition. That school of

Any moves to limit the Celtic collective well-being of norththe overriding consideration, little benefit would be derived

for whom this was Kevin Greene's last game as coach, was passion and commitment. Their first-time tackling was inept, they surrendered possession too easily and were routinely bullied in the forward exchanges.

Dwyer said: "It was very good. We varied the point of attack well, driving through the middle, around the edges and through the midfield and out wide. It makes it very difficult to defend against because you don't know where the impact will be."

The biggest cheer for the 6,400 crowd was the introduction of Dean Richards after two minutes. He replaced Matt Poole, thought to have ruptured a medial ligament. Richards scored a try and such was Leicester's superiority that they afforded him a comfort break in the second half, playing with only 14 men.

Fritz van Heerden, the South

African, watched the mauling and will be available for the trip to Pau after joining from Western Province.

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SS-5, 90-5, 90-19, 90-19.

LEICESTER: M. Horalc, A. Heeley, W. Greenwood, S. Potter (rep: N. Malone, 68min), L. Lloyd (rep: C. Jonner, 78); J. Stransky, W. Senevi; P. Freshwater, R. Cockertii, G. Rowntree (rep: D. Garfortin, 40), M. Johnson, M. Poole (rep: D. Richards, 2; rep: P. Gustard, 73), M. Corry, N. Back, E. Miller.

GOLF: CHART HILLS TEST WILL DECIDE JUNIOR TOUR'S OVERALL CHAMPION

Players prepare for final reckoning

By Mel Webb

NINE months of intense competition involving some of the best young junior golfers in the United Kingdom reaches its climax next weekend when the best of them go head-tohead in the season-ending Tournament of Champions of the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour (JGT), sponsored for the first time this year by the Japanese motor manufacturer in association with The Times.

The orders of merit for the National, Southern and Northern divisions of the Tour have been decided in the last week. Now comes the biggest test of all. On Saturday and Sunday, the 30 players who have won or tied for victory in the 25 tournaments that have been staged on the three divisions will meet to decide the victor ludorum.

It is somehow appropriate that the JGT should go to Chart Hills for their tournament of tournaments. The Kent club is the European headquarters of the worldwide group of golf academies operated under the name of David Leadbetter, the patron

of the JGT, whose support and advice has been priceless. Picking a likely winner at Chart Hills is no easy task, although there are a handful of players who stand out. Luke Barkaway, for instance, is a member of the host club who won the National division tournament there. The local

knowledge he can bring to bear could prove crucial.

Karl Johnson, last year's National winner, was 11 shots off the pace this time, but he will be anxious to end his season on a high note, while Gareth White, who because of his international commitments had to restrict his season to the Northern division, will need some watching. So will Daniel Kitteridge, who made a muted start to the season, but was the player everybody had to beat from mid-summer onwards.

FINAL ORDERS OF MERIT: National division: Laeding scoree (appropries or best seven rounds): 518: G. Gillett (Rossandse): 519: J. Dickinson (Saffron Walden), N. Lomex (Northop), 522: M. Humphnes (Wheathail), 526: A. Ward (Whaltington Heath), 526: A. Ward (Whaltington Heath), 526: D. Kitleridge (Great Hadhem), J. Half (Fest Valley), 627: K. Johnson (Frifford Heath), 530: P. Smith (Riddemminster), 532: S. Richards (Charthidge Park), D. Clerk (Richmond), 533: T. Collins (Three Preus), 534: D. Springere (Famciown), 536; S. Mudtord (Lyme Regis).

S38: A Colley ILadbrook Park), C Stevenson (Whatington Headh). 639: S McMardo (Stoke Poges). S41: L Godwin (West Malling). 562: J Wood (Collingnee Park), S Williams (Langley Park). Southern Advisors: Leading scores (appregate of best str rounds): 443: R Hea (Poyes Mid-Surrey). 448: J Levermon (Clascon). 459: D Ryles (Camberley Heath). 457: W Wood (Footester and Collingne). 458: R McEvroy (Thorpe Half), J Kavernagh (Stoke Poges). D Beuer (Marthorough). 460: N Conley (Charthern Park). 483: J Rodwed (Camberley Heath). P Patrer (Chastiseld). 465: S Mitchell (The Ridge). 467: P Oliver (filled), J Ford



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lifficult choi Sale's drive accounts for loss by Wasps

BY MARK SOUSTER

FOR the second year running. Wasps are having an autumnal hiccup. They recovered sufficiently last year to win the league championship, but many more inept performances, such as that at Loftus Road yesterday against a re-surgent Sale, and they can soon forget thoughts of a

They probably can already. This was their third consecutive defeat in the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division, following those against Saracens and London Irish, and not since March last year have they experienced a similar reversal of fortune.

Wasps, who are missing the steadying influence of their injured half backs, Andy Gomarsall and Alex King, will have no excuses. They were second-best in the loose as Sale repeatedly drove through the middle and rarely can their defence have been so poor. They lacked creativity and

Although a penalty goal by Gareth Rees, awarded after Steve Diamond had been shown the yellow card for foul play, gave Wasps an early lead, it did not settle their nerves. Sale retaliated with a try by Pat Sanderson. Adrian Hadley sliced 30 metres through a retreating Wasps rearguard before being tack-led; from the ruck. Sale produced clean ball and Sanderson plunged between the posts. Howarth converted. It was already looking grim for the men in black. The trusty left boot of Rees reduced

the arrears to one point in the ninth minute, but the respite was short-lived. Wasps continued to look ill-at-ease and disjointed; first-time tackles were missed with alarming regularity and even Lawrence Dallaglio, the new England captain, was culpable. Sale, who showed far more

purpose than against Harle-quins last week, swept for-ward again and quick passing created just enough space for David Rees, returning from injury to travel description injury, to touch down in the corner. Howarth, who converted eight kicks out of eight last week at the Smop, did not miss the goal. That made it 14-6 and, but for greed by Kevin Ellis, Sale would have enjoyed a greater advantage. Ellis found himself dear with an overlap to his right, but, instead of using Howarth, the scrum half tried to chip Gareth Rees and the Canadian

managed to block the ball. Another try was on the cards and it came on 22 minutes. Again, the Wasps back row and midfield went absent without leave. Erskine charged on, drew Rees and Mannix crossed for the try, but Howarth missed for the first time.

At this stage, Wasps were

fumbling in the dark, with no discernible rhythm or pattern to their play. It took a moment of inspiration from Gareth Rees to drag them back into contention. The full back lofted an up-and-under, charged forward to pluck the ball from the skies and, as he was tackled, he had the presence of mind to find Wood at his shoulder. Rees converted and then added his third penalty two minutes before half-time to leave Wasps trail-



Greenstock, the Wasps centre, attempts to hand off Mannix during the London club's Premiership defeat yesterday

The deficit was swiftly back to ten points in the second half. From a scrum, Sale worked a move down the blind side via Vyvyan. He was tackled, but Sale produced good second-phase ball and Rees worked a scissors with Mannix to score his second try, Howarth converted.

The New Zealander then added a dropped goal when Ellis was stopped on the line. after the Wasps defence had been exposed around the

The metronomic kicking of Rees kept Wasps in contention when, in reality, they should have been long gone. Two more penalty goals, in the 46th and 54th minutes, were answered by another from Howarth as Sale regained their ten-point cushion. The former All Black produced

two more kicks to seal a deserved victory. The only comfort for Wasps was the return of Damian Hopley after a season's absence because of injury. Hopley was a replacement for Greenstock, who had been hurt in a high tackle by Hadley, for which the former Wales internation-

al was cautioned.

46), Sanderson (5), Mannix (22), Conversions: Howerth 3, Penalty goals: Howerth 3, 156, 62, 66. Dropped goal: Howerth 48) SCORING SEQUENCE (Wasps first): 3-0, 3-7, 6-7, 6-14, 6-19, 13-19, 16-19 (haltime), 16-28, 19-26, 19-29, 22-29, 22-32, 22-35, 22-38.

WASPS: G Rees; I. Scrase, N Greenstr (rep D Hopley, 74mm), R Henderson, Logan; G Gregory, M Wood; D Molloy Michel, I Dunston, M Weedon, S Shaw Dallagão, M White, C Sheasby.

Lacroix's boot condemns Hill to long winter

Harlequins

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

YOU would have thought it was the dog days of the season at Kingsholm yesterday, a frantic battle to avoid relega-tion rather than the fifth Premiership game of the cam-paign. How swiftly crises of sport. Yet Harlequins now perch, albeit precariously, in fourth place in the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division thanks to Thierry

Lacroix's goalkicking.
The Frenchman kicked the conversion that allowed Harlequins to snatch from the fire a match that seemed to be slipping away. He did so after a passage of play that stood out like a jewel lost in a muddy field: Davison won a lineout and the inter-play in midfield between Cabannes, Lacroix and Carling carried Harlequins to a penalty ten metres short of the Gloucester line.

Two further penalties followed as Gloucester tried desperately to keep their line intact and Harlequins, six points in arrears, went for the try. The third penalty found Wood and Llewellyn on the left, the booker sending the lock in and suffering a dead leg in the process, though the pain was assuaged

Lacroix's conversion. That he missed from a similar position minutes later led Lacroix to quip: "There was not enough pressure," though he will not be short of that when he and his colleagues visit Toulouse on Saturday for the Heineken Cup quarter-final. In that respect, Andy Keast, the director of coaching, was a happy man.

"There didn't appear to be any pattern to the game, nowhere we could score until we worked that bit of space," Keast said. But I'm totally happy. We scored 52 points against Sale and people said it was a game of basketball, so to come away from Kingsholm dogged it out, is satisfying."

If Harlequins had any platform for victory it was their scrum, where they were able to nullify any threat from the Gloucester back row. Indeed, Gloucester, belying their heritage, engaged in some fanciful rugby at times, running penalties from their own 22 when their lineout was unterly secure and optimistically calling back-row moves in the middle of the field which invariably

left Pearce exposed. Richard Hill, their director of rugby and ever the realist, admitted that his ambitions of a top-four finish this season have been revised. "We have to adjust to the realities of division one and although we have a better squad than last

season, it's going to be a hard season," Hill said.

Nearly 8,000 of the faithful, however, did their best to break the hoodoo that Harlequins have on Gloucester, to whom they have not lost since 1994. There is nothing lacking in terms of passion, on the field or off it, and they absorbed the blow of a tenthminute try with great assurance. Cabannes, inevitably, was the catalyst for the opening try, looping round from a back-row move and tearing the Gloucester mid-

field apart to send in Williams. Harlequins tried a similar Gloucester had learnt their lesson. Their own try, which levelled matters, was more straightforward but equally exhilarating: Mapletoft, with a little show of the ball, opened the way and Fanolua finished

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Andrew vents his frustration Bristol on the wrong foot as as Newcastle steamroller on

Newcastle.

By NICOLAS ANDREWS

FOR a quarter of an hour around half-time, it looked as though London Irish might, somehow, achieve the impossible for a second week in succession. Having beaten Wasps, the league champions, last Sunday, they found themselves 16-15 ahead of Newcastle, the league leaders, at the break.

It was not to be and two tries from Nick Popplewell, an Irishman, put Newcastle back into a driving seat that they should never have vacated. When London Irish rallied, through Michael Corcoran's fourth longrange penalty goal, Rob Andrew killed the game off with a more straightforward one of his own.

It is hard to remain impartial when watching London Irish, hard not to enjoy the sight of the poachers of the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division striving mightily to give the game's new keepers a bloody nose.

Four thousand spectators were, for the most part, well entertained at Sunbury on Saturday, not so much by the quality of the rugby but by the Exiles' seat-of-the-pants style of play. They tackle, they chase, they dare to think the unthinkable.

That they remained in contention for so long as they did had nothing to do with relative ability, every thing to do with London Irish's refusal to lie down and take the for final reckon mauling that Newcastle have inflicted elsewhere. Contrast this with Newcastle: cold, clinical, powerful, predictable; easy to admire, desper-

ately difficult to love Andrew, their fly half and director of rugby, insists that it does not have to be that way. He is unhappy with the way teams play, and referees referee, against his men.

The sin-binning of Dean Ryan, for an illegal tackle at a restart, was, Andrew said, a case in point. "Certain referees aim for specific players at certain times," he said. It's frustrating that we are not able to play the game we want to play. We are not allowed continuity. It's obvious why sides want to prevent us from getting quick ball. If we had continuity, we would cause many more problems."



Ryan: sin-binned for foul tackle

Richmond take defeat lying down

More will be revealed over the next four weeks, but Andrew contends that northern hemisphere rugby is getting left behind because of the prevailing culture of playing from set-piece to breakdown. The crowds are not arriving in greater numbers because of the general

failure to throw off the shackles, to play it fast and loose. "What sort of game do we want," Andrew asked. "What does everyone find entertaining? They fin the South] are playing a different game, playing to different rules. The game

> here is not moving forward. "We want to play that way because we have put a side together to play that sort of thing. That's what the new public want to see." He is right, of course, up to a point, and the game's transition could be a painful one for clubs such

> as London Irish. Willie Anderson. their director of rugby, thought his players were tired after their achievement of the week before. "It's difficult for guys to be up and up," Anderson said, "but that's the

unfortunate thing — you've got to be. That's the league for you." SCORERS: London Initir: Try: Hogan (28).
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Spicer.
NEWCASTLE: S Legg: J Bentley, V Tutgameta, A Talt, G Childs; R Andrew, G Armstrong, N Popplawel, R Nasclale, P Ventzendwist, G Archer, G Weir, P Lam, R Arnold, D Ryan.
Referee: D Chepman (Yorichite).

Lynagh leads a merry dance Bristol ...

By BARNEY SPENDER

FROM the moment that Paul Burke, in the fourth minute, missed a penalty attempt after opting for the traditional mound of sand instead of the rubber kicking-ring, this was not Bristol's day.

Buoyed by their win over Northampton last week, they scrapped and fought tigerishly, dominating the forward battle after Saracens lost Paul Wallace with a shoulder injury in the sixth minute and creating several try-scoring chances. Sadly for Bristol, they all ended in carelessness, most notably in the last minute, when David Tiuetì, on an overlap, knocked on,

right on the line. It was not a day for tradition or convention, Saracens being one of the clubs who have tried to adopt the rock'n roll rugby mentality, with dancing girls before the game. Watched by a crowd of 4,258 at Vicarage Road, an inspired performance from Michael Lynagh, their fly half, conjured up a win that looks more convincing on paper than it was in fact.

"I thought the scoreline flattered us," Mark Evans, the director of rugby, said. "It wasn't a good performance from us, but then it wasn't awful either — but then I always say that. Still, when you are some way off your best and you win 31-9, then it keeps things on track. We took our chances and defended

very well. It helped that Michael played so well." Lynagh's performance brought

him two tries and three conversions. Had he put another three points on the board — and he horribly scuffed two other conversions - Saracens would have overhauled Newcastle at the top of the Allied Dunbar Premiership table. Yet it would churlish to make a big deal of that. As Lynagh said later: "It is May I which counts, not November 1."

Feeding on scraps of possession, Lynagh tormented Bristol with pinpoint kicking to the lines and a faultless display of decision-making from the moment he scored the opening try after just two minutes. Noticing the Bristol players ambling away from a penalty on their



Lynagh: pinpoint kicking

kick for goal, he tapped and ran. By the time that they turned round, he was lining up the conversion. Bristol did most of the hard work

in the first half, but had conceded two more tries by the break. David Thompson, who made an impressive debut at full back, went over in the right-hand corner, and then, as Ravenscroft and Lewsey went up for Lynagh's up-and-under, the ball bounced kindly for Pienaar who showed uncharacteristic pace in outsprinting Hull to the line.

Burke, with his third penalty, closed the gap early in the second half, but Bristol's industry brought no reward and they would appear to have a long season in front of them. Lynagh completed the win, a clever crossfield kick finding Singer on the right and then, five minutes from time, the Australian went over for his second try.

There was good news for England. Kyran Bracken came on for the last ten minutes and looked razor-sharp, while Richard Hill is due to play against Cambridge University tomorrow.

SCOPIERS: Saraparis: Tries: Lynagh 2 (2mm, 75). Thompson (13), Piensar (20), Singer (61), Conversions: Lynagh 3, Bristot Penalty goals: Burks 3 (5, 27)

SCORING SEQUENCE (Saracans first) 7-0, 12-0, 12-3, 19-3, 19-6 (hall-lime), 19-9, 24-9, 31-9 SARACENS: D'Hompson: M Snger, R Consistelle S Revensorot, B Daniel; M Lynagin, B Free (rep. N Bracken, 70mm); B Redy, G Botterman (rep. C Chuter, 61), P Wallace (rep. A Olyer, 6), C Gretwook, A Copsey (rep. P Johns, 61), A Bennett F Pienzar, A Diprose

с тъксаят, А. Інрогов BRISTOL; J. Lawsey; D. Tiueti, P. Huft, K. Megge, S. Jones; P. Burks, R. Jones; A. Poole (герт. A. Collins, 23), K. Dunn, K. Fullman, P. Adams, C. Eagfe, S. Pearoe (гер. J. Browning), 46-59), C. Shon (гер.: Browning), 78), E. Rollitt.

Buckton glimpses past glories

Richmond...

By PETER BILLS

WAS this coincidence or a case of administrators getting their retaliation in first? Players lying over the loose ball have been the scourge of British rugby, their intention to kill opponents' rapid secondphase possession. This led to the introduction of the sin bin. available as an option for English referees for the first

time on Saturday. Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rughy, publicly accused Richmond of such tactics a week ago after a penalty-ridden, tryless affair. Indeed, before their visit to Bath on Saturday, Richmond had conceded only one try all season, much the lowest number of any team in the

Allied Dunbar Premiership. But, on a golden afternoon in this enchanting setting, Bath ran in seven tries and were unfortunate not to score more.

Ironically, John Kingston, the Richmond rugby director, complained that Bath had prevented his team's speedy release of the ball from broken play by streetwise cunning and frequent illegalities unnoticed by the referee.

He was correct. Bath got away with a number of infringements. Richmond were naive to let them go on doing Kingston also criticised the

sin-bin concept. "It is a nonsense," he said. "We rush from one decision to another to change things in this sport. Decisions are coming from the hip. If people are cheating and stopping the ball coming out illegally, that is what yellow cards are for."

However, Richmond had themselves to blame for so heavy a defeat. For the first hour, their control of the ball was dreadful; twice they turned over possession on the Bath line when tries seemed certain.

Bath may have lost their aura of invincibility, but they retain sufficient skill and nous not to look a gift horse in the mouth. Their 42-7 lead with 11 minutes remaining was a more accurate reflection of the difference between the teams than the final scoreline.

Bath can play better than this, yet they still contrived some delightfully thoughtful, creative angles of attack. They were always quicker to the loose ball, a critical element, for Thomas had an outstanding game. So, too, did Catt. so often an enigma at fly half, but splendid on Saturday in launching his line and turning on the afterburners for a brilliant break that made de Glanville's try.

Richmond's response to severe adversity was positive, with four tries in the final 11 minutes, by which time Bath were coasting, their minds turning to the Heineken Cup quarter-final this weekend. QUETTET-TITIAL UTILS WEEK, CILU, SCORESS. Beifit: Triest Evers 2 (13smin. 55), Thomas (29), De Glenville (40), Neol (59), Redman (84), Termos (79), Convensionst Celland 2 (84), Richmond: Triest Davies (45), Cottrell (80), Fellon (71), Seasonen (77), S Coursel (80) Convensionst Meson 3 SOORING SEQUENCE (Beth first): 3-0, 10-0, 15-0, 22-0 (halt-time), 22-7, 25-7, 35-7, 42-7, 42-14, 42-19, 42-24, 47-34. 47-34. 47-38.

47-24, 47-31.

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(rep. K Tamba, 65); M Catl, A Nacol, K
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(rep.: D Hibon, 77), G Llanes, N Redman, N
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Fallon, A Balarman, S Cottrell, S Brown (rep:
B Harvey, 23-29): E Va'a, A Moore: D
McFarland kep: D Crompton, 82), B
Williams, J Davies, C Cumnell (rep: A
Coding, 78), C Giffies, B Clarke, S Bedow, S
Outmail

Barking. Exeter

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

WHEN one pulls off the Al3 and turns into Goresbrook, the prosaic home of Barking Rugby Club, to be greeted by a troupe of dancing girls on the pitch, it is clear that the professional era has arrived.

The girls might have been a tongue in cheek gibe at such antics laid on by the bigger clubs elsewhere in London, but their purpose may equally well have been to provide compensation for Barking's

three ersiwhile Saracens. John Buckton, Andy Tunningley and John Green, having joined Barking in the Jewson National League second division south this season, are no longer enjoying such delights in Nigel Wray's

revolution at Saracens. The three repaid the gesture by helping Barking to nearly pull off a notable giant-killing in this Tetley Bitter Cup firstround tie against Exeter.

Indeed, in the dying sec-

onds of the match, with the scoreline precariously poised at 17-13 in the West Countrymen's favour, Buckton, 35. seviled through the Exeter defence. The former England centre raced deep into the visitors' territory, but the electrifying pace of old had diminished sufficiently for the Exeter cover to deny him the

That was to prove Barking's last throw of the dice in a match that saw them ruffle the feathers of their more illustrious guests. Had they kicked all the points that were on offer, they would have won the game, having matched Exeter's two tries with a brace

of their own. They are certainly placed handsomely in fourth in their division, while the newly-promoted Exeter are struggling in the Allied Dunbar Premiership second division.

Exeter will need to sharply tighten up their handling skills if they are to pull away from the relegation zone. Both teams, however, are quietly and efficiently picking their way through the minefield of professional rugby.

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Nigerian tau to take their chances

Brentwood.

London Nigerian9 By BARRY TROWBRIDGE BRENTWOOD reached their

opponents' 22 only three times during the second half of this NPI Cup-tie on Saturday, but that proved enough to restrain a London Nigerian recovery which looked capable of snatching a victory that 80 minutes of play hardly de-

The win, by two tries and a penalty goal to three penalty goals, gained Brentwood a place in the fourth round and brought to a halt a run of victories by Nigerian that stretches back to the 1995-96 league season. Formed only in 1992, Nigeri-

an earned four successive promotions, only to be penalised by relegation at the end of the 1995-96 season for fielding an unregistered play-er. Finding themselves in Hertfordshire/Middlesex III last season, rather than two divisions higher, they knuckled down and rattled up 595 points as they recorded a perfect II victories. Perhaps they suffered against Brentwood from that authority as they were unable to raise their game to overcome what were no more than journeymen opponents, albeit from two tiers above.

cis Emeruwa's first full season with the club as player-coach. Nigerian have continued their winning ways. In the 1992-93 season, Emeruwa was playing in the back row at Wasps and when Nigerian surged forward to earn their first kickable penalty, just after half-time, his contribution looked like being significant, but their handling and positional discipline was poor and only the left boot of Charles Idowu, their fly half, was to boost their account.

Buoyed this winter by Fran-

Tries by Dave Catchpole, the former Saracens No 8, and Simon McConnell supplemented Colin Reynolds's opening penalty goal for Brentwood, but Reynolds was off target with four other kickable attempts at goal as his side enjoyed the advantage of a slope. This, combined with a string of wrong options. left Nigerian with an unde served chance of victory



Resisting the bait from believers of a fisherman's tale

Probably the daftest suggestion to have surfaced in angling in my lifetime has bobbed up again over the past couple of months. How daft is "daftest" when it comes to angling? It is very daft indeed. Let me give some clues.

This idea is dafter than the

This idea is dafter than the suggestion once made to the late, great Richard Walker that weighting nymphs should be banned from trout fishing because all they did was to teach the fish to feed on the bottom. It is dafter even than the National Federation of Anglers' (NFA) plan for a £0 million intergalactic HQ at Holme Pierrepont, complete with an underwater observation chamber where employees could watch fish doing whatever fish do in those murky waters when they are not being eaten by cormorants.

The suggestion is that angling should push to become an Olympic sport. This idea was first floated some years ago by a former England international fly-fisherman now living — perhaps appropriately — in California. At the time, sensible folk put their heads under the blankets in the hope that it would go away — which, mercifully, it did — but every now and then it resurfaces. It has resurfaced in several contexts over the silly season, each time to be taken up by someone.

The arguments are that no sport is more international or has more participants. That many lesser activities have been awarded Olympic status. That television coverage would show just how fascinating angling is to the non-angler, interest would surge and sponsors would fall over our landing nets in their haste to grab pieces of the action. That the big-time would come. I find it difficult to take this mad notion even half-seriously, but because a few apparently do and because this silliest of stories does keep bobbing up, perhaps it should be considered.

There are three aspects to the idea. The first is the serious, the second is the practical, the third is plain barmy.

The serious first. The notion of angling pursuing Olympic status, through competitions, would get no





on a can of worms still bobbing to the surface

support from the vast majority of fishermen. Competitive fishing is a minority pursuit within angling as a whole. Reliable figures suggest that only 10 per cent or so of coarse anglers. 5 per cent of sea anglers and around 1 per cent of game anglers fish matches regularly. The vast majority of anglers never go near a match in their lives and, indeed, millions are against matchfishing on principle.

Next, the essential contest in other sports qualifying for the Olympics is one between human beings. They pit their skills and physical resources directly against one another. That is not what angling is about. The essential contest in angling is that between man and fish. To fish competitively — man against man — changes that premise utterly.

There is the field sports dimension. The pursuit of Olympic status for angling would not only cause disquiet to millions who fish, it would provide a focal point for the more extreme fringes of the animal rights movement. The unilateral and misguided decision of the leaders of angling's representative bodies a couple of years ago to forge some links with the fox-hunters and others has lowered a boundary that should still be in place.

There is the practicality of it. The idea that watching the world's best lock rod-tips would make for any kind of spectator sport, a television

sport and a goldmine for sponsor would fall at the first fence.

It is not that angling cannot be turned into, for example, excellent television, but to be made watchable, it has to be made comprehensible. An understanding of the compulsions and motivations would need to be communicated. There would have to be much space and diversion and focus on the beautiful. There is no room for diversion and beauty in competitive fishing. That is about banging them out as fast as possible in case the next man along gets more.

The point about getting more sponsorship money into angling is well understood — not least because of the Sports Council's bizarre sense of funding priorities. Last year, the council awarded more cash to the Pétanque Association than to the Salmon and Trout Association and six times as much to the English La Croux Association as to the NFA. Even so—and even if the limitations of angling as a viewer sport could be overcome—it is angling as a whole that needs the cash, not one small segment.

So it is only the barmy side of the suggestion that is left. This really appeals. There would be no problem in choosing a venue for angling's Olympics: it would be the Superbowl, naturally. Once flooded—it would, of course, be drained down again on alternate days for track events—there would be ample room for several nations to compete side-by-side around the perimeter, with several more in

To liven things up for the spectator—there might well be one—fringe events could be staged. Fastest time to the water after it has been stocked would be one possibility. Wildest exaggeration of a fish not over 3lb would be another. There could be bonus points for the greatest number of cameramen hooked on a backcast. And so on. Yes, now I come to think of it, the opportunities do seem endless. Yes, run like this, the sport could be made watchable. So angling for the Olympics? Er, no.

☐ Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month



Shooting practice for the netball team at Cape Cornwall School where much-needed indoor facilities are eagerly awaited

Western outpost rejects isolation

RV DAVID POWRIL

WHICH of these statements is false? Cape Cornwall School netball players get out of bed earlier than other teams in the west of England. Cape Cornwall School is small for a comprehensive, a shallow pool from which to fish sporting talent. Cape Cornwall School has no indoor netball court and the outdoor courts are exposed to some of the worst weather in Britain. Cape Cornwall School, the most westerly place of secondary education on the British mainland, feels like giving up.

Robin Kneebone, the head teacher, stands on the spot in the school grounds, 400ft above sea level where he expects a sports hall to be built soon. His view of sport is as clear as the one he has across the Atlantic. Give up? This is a place where 20 per cent of pupils are on free school meals, because of low local wages and high unemployment, but it is also a place where

the pockets jangle with the currency of sport.

"Netball, cricket, and other
sports, can be successful in small
state schools given
the right coaching
and support from
staff and parents,"
Kneebone said. In
other words, it
takes a team to
make a team.

Look in the opposite direction from the Atlantic shoreline and your mind's eye glimpses a sea of debris, of bigger schools, across the west, knocked flat by the Cape wave. Among them is Millfield, with sports facilities so magnificent they feature in up-market holiday packages.

There is a look of unbridled joy on the face of Carol Nicholls, a school secretary and mother of two of Cape Cornwall's most successful national knockout tournament.

netball players.
Rachel and Becky.
She is recalling
the day the underlo team defeated.
Millfield in the
West of England
championships to
to reach the national finals. "Even
before the final
was played, they
had it down on the

had it down on the board that Millfield were site direction going to go through." Nicholls said.

That was a few years ago, but the standard was set. No more the feeling that this "remote small school," as Kneebone describes it, could not be noticed. Dedication and training bring results, as the St Just Cricket Club under-15s proved this year. With a team almost wholly comprising school players, it won the Sun Life of Canada

Cape Cornwall School can be found in St Just, serving Land's End, among other places, in its wide catchment area. Standards in football, rugby and hockey have also improved and if too small for netball, the gym allows winter cricket nets. The under-13s are county champions and Jason Hall is the South-West captain. The under-14 and under-16 netball teams will represent Cornwall in the area championships.

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According to Andrea Bennetts, head of PE, teams sometimes depart for competition as early as 5am, which she says is bound to affect performance. Another drawback is weather interference. She cannot wait for the sports hall, for which Lottery funding has been concerned in minerials.

approved in principle.

Rachel and Becky Nicholls have left the school, but remain an inspiration. Becky, 16, is an England Under-19 triallist, captains Cornwall under-18s, and plays at under-2! level for West of England.

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ington on Saturday.
The Mackinnon Stakes is a

traditional prep race for the

Melbourne Cup -- even





Fallon joins late shift for double century

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

a typically power-ride, Kieren Fallon joined an elite club at Wolverhampton on Saturday night when he landed his 200th vinner of the season on Filial.

The softly spoken Irishman is only the sixth jockey to reach the landmark in Britain this century after Sir Gordon Rich-ards, Pat Eddery, Michael Roberts, Frankie Dettori and

Jason Weaver. Alter a treble at Newmarket on Saturday afternoon, aboard Pontoon, Samara and Consort, which took Fallon to the 199 mark, the champion jockey-elect travelled to the

rejects isolat

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Fallon: upwardly mobile

track and wasted no time completing his double

On his first ride of the evening, Fallon sent Filial into the lead turning for home in the Shifnal Claiming Stakes and, as has happened so often this season, his strength in the saddle was crucial as the Jeff Pearce-trained four-year-old held off the late challenge of State Approval to win by threequarters of a length.

The racecourse executive presented Fallon with a bottle ed jockey said: "I'm glad to get it over. I'm really looking forward to riding Borgia against Singspiel in the Breeders' Cup Turt. Let's hope America goes as well as it has

Fallon's remarkable suc-

Henry Cecil's stable jockey, is underlined by the profit punters would have made by following his mounts. A 21 stake on all his rides this season would have returned a profit of over £100. Only one other jockey, John Egan, in the

top twenty is "in the black".

After starting the season in fine form — epitomised by wins in the 1,000 Guineas on Sleepytime and the Oaks at Epsom on Reams Of Verse his fortunes took a temporary dive when he made a muchpublicised mistake on the Wafic Said-owned Bosra

Sham in the Eclipse Stakes. However, the incident at Sandown, which led to him temporarily being replaced on horses owned by Said, acted as a spur to Fallon. A fourtimer at Newmarket's July meeting, just four days after the Eclipse, silenced the critics

and he has never looked back. While Fallon can look forward to a prosperous future, the same cannot be said for those who take an interest in racing's finances and the way the sport is run.

Although the British Horseracing Board (BHB) and the big bookmakers would like to see the Government cut the betting duty paid by off-course punters, they have been unable, once again. to come together and produce a joint submission in advance of next year's Budget.

The BHB wants any duty cut to be transferred into extra levy and increased prizemoney; the bookmakers want any benefits to be passed on to their customers in the shape of reduced deductions.

As they cannot agree, each will submit their own submission to the Chancellor. The message the Government will receive is that the racing industry is divided and ministers will have little difficulty parties.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the BHB, said yesterday: "We will talk again with the bookmakers in early December to see whether there can be any coming together, but both sides regard cess, in his first season as it as highly unlikely."

3.40 (2m 3i 110yd ch) 1, Eulogy (D Bridgweiter, 3-1); 2, Amlah (9-4 tev); 3, Mr Moonlight (6-1) 7 ren. 3l, 11l. R Rowe Tote: £4.30; £2.30, £1.70. DF: £4.70. CSF: £9.67.

25:07.
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Placepot: £47.90 Quadpot: £39.00

12.45 1, Kings Minstral (20-1): 2. Giverneyouthand (7-2), Only two finished. Pebble Beach 4-5 tav. 7 ran

1.15 1, Mill-Dot (25-1); 2, More Champagna (12-1); 3, Desgrifool (14-1). Chinook's Daugnter 13-8 lav. 6 ran.

1.50 1, Know-No-No (Evens tav); 2, Blazing Dawn (13-2); 3, Briar's Delight (13-8) 6 ran.

2.25. 1, Misser Woodstick (3-1 II-Esr); 2, She's A Winner (6-1); 3, Highleid Pet (7-1) Dunrovien 3-1 II-lav. 9 ran. 2.55. 1, Popestrell (5-1); 2, Tighter Budget (6-5 lav); 3, Royel Vacation (7-2), 4 ran.

3.30 1. Pharmistics (10-11 tay); 2. Sweet Noble (10-1); 3, Fatehalthar (11-8). 4 ran.

4.05 1, Highland Way (2-1 tav); 2, Lumback Lady (9-2); 3, Amber Holly (6-1), 6 ran.

12.40 1, Banker Count (4-9 tay); 2, Golden Thunderbott (11-4); 3, Alzotic (50-1); 4 ran. NR: My Shersandosh 1.10 1, Symbol Of Succass (11-8); 2, Liebuoy (8-1); 3, Spearhead Again (Evens fay); 4 ran

1.45 1. Good Vibas (5-1): 2, Alabang (9-4 izv), 3, Waish Mil (11-4), 6 ran.

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2.50 1, Pricheell (B-13 (av); 2, Mistingueti (17-8) 2 ram.

3.25 1, One Wan (4-7 lav); 2, Barton Bank (2-1); 3, Hermas Harvest (10-1), 4 ran.

4.00 1, Monarch's Pursuit (9-4); 2, Amilyo (2-1 tav); 3, Stoned imaculate (11-4), 7 ran.

7.00 1, Villarica (5-4 fav); 2, Don't Worry Mike (12-1): 3, Concer Andi (16-1). 13 ran.

7.90 1, Filial (5-2); 2, State Approval (2-1 lav); 3, Greenspon (6-1) 12 ren. -8,00 1, Rol Brisbane (3-1 lav); 2, Man Street (6-1), 3, Long Island (14-1), 13 ran.

8.30 1, State Ot Caution (9-2), 2, Sr Josy (7-1); 3, Cretan Gril (11-4 ray), 12 ran.

9.00 1, Emperor's Gold (10-1); 2, Lady El (12-1); 3, Island Gri (12-1) Charished 3-1 (1-12-1); 1 ran. NR: Doddanda Dispatch, Resurrection

9.50 1, Italien Symphoty (16-1), 2. Hannain's Ucher (11-2); 3, Boto Aristocrat (14-1), Will To Win 4-1 lev. 13 ran.

FLAT LEADERS

Wolverhampton

Wetherby

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Kelso

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

1.30 (1m) 1. Ringleader (Li Fortune, 8-1): 2. Blue Zola (9-1); 3, Primary Colours (7-1) Bridge 4-1 lav Zo ran Ho, 3hi P Cole. Tole: C14 10, E3.80, E3.80, E2.90. DF: E37 20 Trio: £81.50. CSF: £80.16. 2.05 (61) 1. Always On My Mind (S Sanders, 5-2), 2, Distinctive Dream (8-1); 3, Shudder (6-4 law), 7 ran, 14(, 2), P Maidti, Tote: 53.40; 51.70, 53.90, DF: £12.20, CSF: £18.62

2.40 (Imj 1, Samara (K Fallon, 13-8 fav. Thundarer's rap); 2, Babiaka (2-1); 3, Desert Beauty (5-2) 5 ran. ¾[, ¼[, J] Duntop, Tote: \$2.30; £1.40, £1.50. DF. £3.20 CSF £4.88. 2.3.20 Caf 14.85.
3.10 (1m 2) 1, Trigger Happy (J Cartoll. 20-1), 2, Night Rule (5-2 fav); 3, St Helensfield (100-30), 7 ran. 1%I, sh hd. M. Johnston Tole: \$21.20, £4.80, £1.80 DF-246.00 CSF-£58.58.

240.00 CSF ES8.58.
3.45 (1mt) 1. Consort (K Fallon, 15-2); 2. For Your Eyes Only (12-1); 3. Brilliant Red 120-1); 4. Arthul Carre (50-1). Desent Track 4-1 fev. 26 ran. Nr. nr. Mrs. A Parnett. Tole: 59.20. E2.20, E2.60. 05.20, E3.40. DF: 232.20. Tro. 5440.30. CSF. 265.24 Trocast C1.627.99.

Treast £1.627.89.
4.16 (71) 1. Wildt Skry (A Clark, 25-1); 2. Braveheant (20-1); 3. Safio (7-1); 4. Jübereen (6-1);-1-ay) Al Masmor 6-1 (1-lav 25 ran 1), sh hd. M Heaton-Ells. Tolar 538.20; 58.20, 54.90, 53.90, 52.90, 51.90, 51.90 and 5

Placepot: £445.90 Quadpot £61.70.

Ascot

Going; good (good to firm in places) samp; good ground of inthin in packets; 12.50 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Sound Appeal (A Phomon, 100-30); 2, Mystik, Day (9-4); 3, Palaemon (13-2), Vinuoso 7-4 (av 6 ren. 10, 39) A Fosler Toler (23.70; 11.70, 11.60 DF, £3.50 CSF, £10.51. 1.20 (2m 110yd hole) 1, Punkah (D Bridgester, 5-1): 2, Song O'l The Sword (9-4): 3, Ginge For (7-4 fav) 8 ran. 11, 194: G McCourt, Tole: £5.80; £1 80, £1 40, £1 10 McCourt. Tole: £5.90; E1 DF: £5.30 CSF: £15.59

DF: 05:30 CSF: £15:59
1.55 (3m; 110yd; ch) 1, Bertons (A Thornton, 13:2); 2, Insh Stemp (B-1), 3, Incheafloch (4-1), Stemmracker (4th) 7-2 tav 8 ran NR. Baronet 11, 1 kf. K Besky Tote: £8:10, 10:250, 22:00, £1:70. DF: £36:10 Tho £81:10, CSF: £51:14 Tireast: £214:27

2.30 (2m ch) 1. Indian Jockey (C Maude, 7-11, 2. Lectard (8-1); 3. Storm Alert (9-1). Celloare (5th) 5-2 fav. 8 rsn, 2% (81 M Pips, Tota £6.00 £1.60, £2.50, £2.10. DF £37.70 CSF, £55.21. Tricast; £485.56 E31 70 CSF. E35.21. INCRES. L400.30 3.05 (2m 41 hdle) 1, Supreme Cherm (Mr R Wakey, 7-1), 2, Bay Fair (14-1); 3, Gerry's Probe (9-3), Rossell Island 5-2 (av 10 ian 251, 12); K. Seeley, Tota (92.00 E2.70, 24.50, E1.50, DF E81.50, Tho: £116.60 CSF £89.87, Tricast £450.18.



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Arabian Story pursues crowning glory



Cochrane partners Harbour Dues in a final workout

2.40 Demolition Jo 3.10 Kala Sunrise

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

P Bloomfleid 5-1 Cuinn (80)

3.40 Scenicris

NOTTINGHAM

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 BONANZA PEAK (nap). 1.10

1.10 LAST CHANCE AT NOTTINGHAM AMATEUR RIDERS LIMITED STAKES (£1,985: 1m 61 15yd) (16 runners)

1998: NO CORRESPONTING MEETING

Montecristo beat Avanto Blue 11½1 in 11½m Southwell states (AW)

Bold Buster 1¼1 3rd to Jaseur in 2m Ascot tampficap (neavy)

Lauret Seeler 1¼1 3rd to Random Kindness in 11½m Lingfield

antaleur states (firm) Sharp Deed 4¾1 4th to Anjou in 11½m Varmouth selling handicap (good)

BOLD BUSTER can spoil Montecristo's winning sequence

(£1,985: 1m 11 213yd) (18 runners)

201 (8) 1511010 BRISHSTORE 9 (C.D.F.S) (R Green) M Pipe 4-9-7 A McCitone (9) 0800030 EASTLEGH 19 (5) Excess of J Bogg) R Hodinstread 8-9-7 S Clarke (7) 202 (11) 4440150 GYMCRAK PREMIERIE 6 (D.F.G.S) (Gymcash R.C.) 6 Holmes 9-9-7 K Fallon 204 (14) 2412005 ARZAM 48 (D.6) (D Congrove) D Congrue 6-9-2 M Rimmer 255 (16) 5081505 DAMMON CROWN 8 (C.D.F.G.) (A Pickup) M Wane 6-9-2 J Carnel (7) 224424 ESPERTO 105 (BF.CD.G.S) (ARS A Hodinar-Cappail) J Peance 4-9-2 G Bancheel 205 (2) 224424 ESPERTO 105 (BF.CD.G.S) (ARS A Hodinar-Cappail) J Peance 4-9-2 G Bancheel 205 (10) 5651005 DAM SUL 14 (B.C.F.S) (I Marshall Mess J Carnel 9-9 S Webster 209 (17) 6050000 JTTLE PLISRBM 27 (R Pige) I Johns 4-9-2 R Pérham 210 (13) 0500000 SALTANIDO 19 (F) (Ric S Heridop) Pal Michell 6-9-2 P BloomBeld 211 (1) 4362103 STATANICK 20 (R.D.F.G.S) (Mrs. M State) D Essenth 9-9-2 T Clarke (14) 02-0800 BINDRO 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) A Carnel 3-8-12 R Presch (3) J Forma 214 (4) 02-0800 BINDRO 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) A Carnel 3-8-12 M Tebrust 215 (15) 0-00028 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) A Carnel 3-8-12 M Tebrust 216 (16) 0-00028 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) A Market 13-8-12 D Swedens (15) (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING 121 (Mrs. H. Hogens) Bulling 3-8-7 Danc O'Refit (15) 0-00003 BILLING

Brighstone 13i 7th of 14 to Time For Action in 15km Doncaster claimer (good) Arzant 67th 5th to Rock The Barney in 15km Sandown apprentice translicate (good), Jubilee Scholar 11 2nd to Cabcharge Blue in 15km Brighton selling handicate (good to tem) Statajack 67th 3nd to Swan Hunter in 15km Lelcaster claimer (good to soft). Softa's Legacy 55th 3nd to On The Green in 1m Newcastle claimer (good to firm) with Diamond Crown (Bib worse off) 75th 7th

GYMCRAK PREMIERE will appreciate drop in class Statistack pick of remainds

COURSE SPECIALISTS

1.40 END OF SEASON SELLING STAKES

(£1,985: 1m 1/213yd) (18 runners)

1.10 Bold Buster

1.40 Statajack

Montecristo,

2.10 Bonanza Peak

DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

ARABIAN STORY attempts to give the Queen her most valuable success as an owner in the £920.000-added Foster's Melbourne Cup at Flemington in the early hours of tomorrow morning (4.20 GMT).

Victory in Australia's most famous race would rank alongside the success of Dunfermline in the Oaks and St Leger in the Queen's Silver

Her four-year-old, trained by Lord Huntingdon, who sent out Drum Taps to finish ninth in 1993, won at Epsom and Newbury in the summer and booked a trip to Australia with a short-head second in a listed event on the latter

course in September. Frankie Dettori's mount is joined by the Lady Herries-trained Harbour Dues, who will be ridden by Ray Cochrane, as the pair chase a first British success in the 136year history of the two-mile

and be able to cope with a 22-Lord Huntingdon believes

charge will adapt to the track

horses on form. He said:

stay a longer trip.

Jubilee year of 1977.

Lady Herries hopes her

runner field. "He's won on all sorts of going and he can take up a position either handy or back, she said. I couldn't be happier with how he looks." there is little between the two

(£3,243: 1m 1t 213yd) (12 runners)

(2-Y-0: £3,665: 6l 15yd) (16 runners)

2501 BLUNDELL LANE 6 (D.F) IN CONT

3.10 NOVEMBER CONDITIONS STAKES

(£5,550: 1m 54yd) (12 runners)

BETTING, 9-7 Domerius, 5-1 Magni And Power, 9-1 Ebony Grouve, Linearnen, 10-1 Awaret Aloot, Marble Halls. 12-1 Stylbeau, 14-1 Alta, Arabran Story, Visali, 16-1 Grandintaster, Hacticus Eves, Markham (20-1 others "Both are on the upgrade. They are good mile and half

2.10 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP

(2.3,24.5. TT (*2.13/03 (1.2 ROUNERS)

301 (12) 0003122 SOURANZA PEAK 14 (BF.D.G) (6 Dram) Mr. J Cecd 4-10-0

302 (6; -023302 SLPSTREAM STAR 35 (BF) (J Smeth) (Berlung 3-3-12 J Red

303 (1) 0050041 SOUSHESING COURT 19 (C.5) (6 Sands) Annother 14-9-11 A Fallon

304 (9) 6100004 DOLZERO H-VERT 14 (D.G.S.) (6 Sands) A Loure 14-9-11 G Outfield

305 (2) 1001001 MYTTONS MISTARE 7 (F.G.) (7 Stade) F Hodge: 4-9-3 R Prench (3)

305 (4) 201-3024 KASS ALHAWA 17 (F.S.) (1 Wilcon) D Chapman 4-9-3 A Cultiman

307 (5) 0-00300 EEDOLIN HONDA 12 (B) (6 Garnsted Honda Lof) C Britann 3-9-7 Dang O'Neul

309 (7) 0200000 MOLINITATE B (F.S.) (8 Valentine' W Hagh 5-9-3 J F Egan

309 (6) 2561245 LEGAL ISSUE 16 (BF.F.S.) (8 Valentine' W Hagh 5-9-3 S Drowne

311 (10) 004040 FLYMS FLIP 12 (T Leadocate) IS Morgan 3-8-6 Dean McKaonen

132 (3) 8-006 NEEDWOOD LEGEND 6 (Needwood Rezing Lif) B Morgan 4-5 C Tearnock

8-1 Succinera

FORM FOCUS

Bonanza Peak 11 3nd to Rustand Chentry in 11/4m Pointetract transiciate (good to soft). Stipstream Star sh hd 2nd to Tyrolean the same in the 11 Hamilton mauden (good). Sovereigns Court beat Welcome Heights 51 in 1m Notingham handicap (soft) Domino Fiyer 111 4th to Montecrato in 11/4m Southwell states. (AW) Myttons Mistake beat Silver Harmw 81 in 1m Leucales claiming transiciate (good). Kass Almawa 641 4th to Might ID Glates in 71 Catterick handicap (good). Legal issue 991 6th to Sea 14 Made in 1m Workerhampton handicap (AW. The Negotlator 51 4th to Seattle Swing in 11/4m Windson handicap (good to firm).

MYTTONS MISTAKE is possed to follow up runaway Leicester victory

2.40 CENTENARY CONFERENCE FACILITY NURSERY HANDICAP

401 (9) 010 SENSE OF INVIDERS 9 (D.F.) (0 Prompson) B Miseisar 9-7 K Fation
402 (14) 031 THERD COUSIN 13 (6) (F Love) M Heaton-Bits 9-4 S Drowne
403 (16) 4242010 DEMOLITION JO 9 (V.D.F.S) (J Proph) P Events 9-4 J F Egan
404 (15) 16 DARWELL'S FOLLY 12 (D.F.) (S & P Carreel LIG) M Johnston 9-2 D Holland
405 (10) 015230 GROUDEN STRATESY 18 (F) (E Foll R Hangous 9-1 Dase O'Real
406 (11) 0620010 FIVE OF SPADES 44 (D.S) (B Cassaly) R Fatery 8-13 R Winston (7)
407 (3) 13520130 FAST TEMPO 44 (F) (W Ellion) B Patting 8-12 T T Spraise
408 (6) 2501 B (ROBELL) (486 6 05 E) (B Correction) A basis 8-12 (For 15) (Carrettee) C

FORM FOCUS: The Cousin best Bandbox 2%! in 5t Folkestone maiden auchoring (good) Demolision to 9t 7th to Mitheyaar in 6t listed Denoaster states (good) previously beat the Denvirone for 11 in 6t Newmarket outsety (good to soft) with Incitationg (3th better oit) 1½! 3rd and Golden Strategy (6th better oft) 23t last Blundell Lane beat Rich Choice 2t in 6t Retear nursery (good to firm) with Sting For title (1th with 6th 3th Incitationg 2½! 3rd to Floraz in 7t Donnaster nursery (good) with Sense Of Wonder (levels) 9¾! 9th

DEMOLITION JO can confirm Newmarket running with Inchalong

FORM FOCUS

Strato '41 2nd to Prince Of Denial in 1m 11 Newbury handlesp (good to soil). Chickawicka '24 23rd to Jo Mell in 71 Ascot handlesp (good to limi). Croft Sands 38t last of 5 to Easy Song in 1/4m Brighton marker (firm), Kala Sumse 101 14th to Gulf Shadel in 1m Newmarker handlesp (1m. good). Karyvee '41 8th of 28 to Consoit in 1m Newmarker handlesp (good to firm). Bea's Ruby 94/4 4th to Right Wing in 1m Ayr stakes (soil). Groom's Gordont '41 2nd to Mesthed in 71 Letesster stakes (good). Stamp 151 11th to Sover State in 61 Domaster marken (good to 5/6t). Unconditional Love '41 2nd to Silvera'v in 114m Yarmouth stakes (firm). Queen's Pageant 221 last of 8 to 8mit Albaadga in 61 Yok liched stakes (good).

STRAZO is in good heart and lancied to regain the winning thread

horses and there is every reason to suggest they will

If indeed the British pair are on a par, then Harbour Dues represents the better value, at least with the Australian bookmakers. While Arabian Story is being kept

safe at 16-1, Harbour Dues is on offer at 33-1. The Dermot Weld-trained Vintage Crop, in 1993, remains the only horse trained in the northern hemisphere

to win the race, with Grey Shot's seventh place last year the best recent effort by a

nounced on Saturday, Arabian Story fared well in stall nine, but Harbour Dues. from barrier 17, will have a lot of horses to get around on what by British standards is a tight track.

Local favourite is the Caulfield Cup winner, Might And Power, who strengthened his draw in stall two. To succeed, however, he needs to reproduce his Caulfield form over

this extra half-mile. leading fancies

MELBOURNE TOMORROW

British challenger.

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2	(15)	03062	DOREMUS 17 (CD,G) D Freedman 7-3-3	G Ha
3	12)		MISHT AND POWER 17 (G) J Derton 4-9-11	J Cassid
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5	(15)		COURT OF HONOUR 29 (F,S) P Haye: 5-5-9	B Thomso
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?	(11)		ALFA 10 (G) J Cuttomings 4-8-8	D Beadma
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12	(6)		MAGNET BAY 17 (S) D B Five (SC) 7-9-5	. C Johnso
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15	(5)		MARBLE HALLS 489 D Freedman 4-5-4	. DOM
16	(P)		MARKHAM 17 C I Brown J. 5-4	. L Deema
17	(19)		SCRUPLOUS 169 J Smm 6-8-4	. M Carso
18	18 1		CRYTING GAME 374 Mt. A Johnson 5-8-2	. G Chalc
19	13)		YOBRO 307 (D.F) / Roberts 7-5-2	G Cooksie
20	1121		BONSAI PIPELINE 17 P Thumas 6-7-13	D Gam
21	(4)		GRANDMASTER 29 J Cumming: 4-7-13	L Bessie
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1996. SAMTLY 4-8-10 D Bradman (8-1) J Curraming: 22 ran

position at the top of the betting after being handed a supposedly favourable inside

though it is run over a sixfurlang shorter trip — and Let's Elope won both contests But three of the last four

Cup winners bypassed the race on the previous Saturday and Paul O'Sullivan. who trains the Cox Plate third, Vialli, said: "I think it's been proven in recent years that you don't have to run on the Saturday to win the Melbourne Cup. A different type of horse wins the Cup nowadays. The old two-miler who was nearly a hurdler doesn't win it any more. It's

now got to be a horse with quality and acceleration." Former European-trained horses have a good record in the race in recent years with the success of At Talaq in 1986

and Jeune three years ago. This year's field includes former Michael Stoute-trained Always Aloof, who is fancied to give Lee Freedman his fourth Cup success, and Court Of Honour, who finished twentieth when with Peter Chapple-Hyam last

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,8F,F,G,S) (Max D Robinson) P Half 9-10-C B West (4) 88 won (F — farm, good to farm, bard G — good. 5 — self, good in self heavy). Ozner in brachets

3.40 SEE YOU NEXT MARCH HANDICAP

(Div I: £1.927: 1m 54yd) (18 runners)
601 (1) 3040-00 CLASSIC COLOURS 14 (P Jones) 5 Yardey 4-9-1? N Adams
602 (15) 0000042 SMARTER CHARTER 42 (D.F.G) (A Griffin) Mrs. L Studies 4-9-10 . K Fallon
603 (10) 550210/ SALTZ 798 (CD,F) (Mrs. J Marton) P Dalton 5-9-10
604 (3) 000/0-0 GROOMS GOLD 89 (F) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-9-8 A Cultians
605 (12) -005222 LUCKY BEGONIA 85 (BF) (Setalina Agadeno) W Musson 4-3-7 A McGlone
606 (2) 0400-05 HOLLOWAY MELODY 7 (CD.S) (Mrs. R Gibson) B McAlairon 4-9-5 L Newton
607 (14) 6113020 HOMESTEAD 4 (D.F.G) (6 Greenwood) R Hannon 3-9-4 . Dane O'Neil
606 (11) 4100505 DIJEEN OF SHANBON 12 (V.D.S) LI Wigrouel A Cartol 4-9-4 . A Half (7)
609 (7) 3-00500 PARSA 19 (V.F.) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 4-9-3 T Quan
610 (6) 4065205 NKAPEN ROCKS 26 (Lady Litterd) J H tiflisen 4-9-2 A Meckay
611 (13) 5000030 FOREST ROBIN 6 (Platerum Racing Ltd) Mrs. J Rameden 4-9-2 J Fortune
512 (17) D-43000 FTHBAAT 168 (D.F.G) (Over The Bridge Pinc) M H-Edis 6-9-7 A Daly (3)
613 (8) 0224040 SCENICRIS 12 (CD,S) (Mrs C Johnson) R Hollinshead 4-9-1 . F Lynch
614 (16) 0016000 PLEASURE TRICK 6 (D.F.G) (Don Energy Increa) Erecco Incisa 6-9-0 Kim Tinkler
615 (9) 6040432 LEGENO OF ARAGON 10 (5) (5 Beard) J Sloves 3-8-13 A Poli (5)
616 (4) 6000030 UP IN FLAMES 12 (D.F) (M Kimer) 5 Bowing 6-8-12 C Tragge (3)
617 (18) 0500010 GABLESEA 14 (D) (Chrimes, Winn & Wilson) 8 Raugh 3-8-12 J F Egan
618 (5) -640010 PERPETUAL LIGHT 21 (D) (Four Point Partnership) J.J. Duenn 4-8-10 S. Drowne
BETTING, 11-2 Smarter Charler, 6-1 Lucky Begonsa, 13-2 Homestead, 8-1 Scentons, Legend Of Aragon 1

FORM FOCUS Smarter Citation 11/41 2nd to Zurs in 1m Leit ester stakes (good firm) Lucky Begonia 2/61 2nd to Acedium Indices in the FURINI FULLUS | firm) Lucky Begonia 2%1 2nd to Acebus Dutcs on 1m 3/9 Yarmouth marker handscap (good to firm) Holloway Meliody 12/1 5th to Mytens Mactale in 1m Leocate claiming handscap (good) Homestead 9%1 10th to Bawe Erroy in 1m Notingham (good) Losen Of Shannon 6%1 5h to 0n The Green n 1m Remastle claiming handscap (good to firm) Parsa 18/1 7th to Sovereigns Court in course and distance handscap (good to firm) Parsa 18/1 7th to Sovereigns Court in course and distance franciscap (good to soit) Forest Robbin 6%1 15th to Sustancia in 1m Redeat handscap (good to soit) Prosest Robbin 6%1 15th to Sustancia in 1m Redeat handscap (good to soit) Warborough Lad in 1m Bath handscap (good to soit). Scenaris 8%1 8th to Brambles Way in 11/4m Newcastle handscap (good in firm) with Up in Flantes (same terms) 18/1 12th. Pleasure Trick 8% 12th to Same Dipress in 71 Redicar Indicap (good to firm) Legend Of Aragon 11/4 2nd to Colway Ritz in 71 Doncaster handscap (good) Perpetual Light 8%1 7th to Literary in 1m Leicester handscap (gold).

LEGEND OF ARAGON can be rewarded for her consistency

1 (9) 0-12304 YEOMAN OLIVER 14 (B.D.) (M Stokes) B McMatico 4-10-0 . S Righton (7)

4.10 SEE YOU NEXT MARCH HANDICAP (Div II: £1,927: 1m 54yd) (18 runners)

- 2	(3) 3560001	BLOWING AWAY 6 (D,G) M Tomplers 3-9-13 (5e) D Biggs	5
3	(6) 000	EVIDENTLY 45 (Baron F Oppenhorm) Baking 3-9-7 Martin Dveyor	5
4	rib 2215052	BENTICO 14 (V.D.F.G) (20-20 Racing) Mrs N Mazzuley B-9-5 G Million (5)	5
5	(4) 4200260	DELIGHT OF DAWN 14 (B.D.F.G) (Diament Eng) E Wheeler 5-9-5 S Carson (7)	6
6	(8) 2500000	AL REET 7 (S) (Genus Partnership 4) S Bowring 6-9-5 Dean McKennin	5
7		DR CALIGARI 644 (D Mager & Mrs S Mager) S Golbings 5-9-4 T Williams	
8		KATIE KOMMITE 6 (Y.CD,G) (Red Ruse Partner; http://www.deson.4-9-3 A Mackay	70
g	(15) 0000420	BIRCHWOOD SUN 12 (B.F.G.S) (A Watson) M Book 7-9-3 A Culture	7
10		BOLD FAITH 21 (BF.S) (Jumbo LIG) W Musson 4-9-2 K Fallon	71
11		CHINIOUR 12 (BF.D.F.G.) (Edges Farm Flacing Stables) E Aktion 9-9-0 J.F. Egan.	7
12		SNOWY MANTLE 21 (CD.F) (Mrs. G. Fano) J Bethell 4-8-13 R Multen (5)	6
13		YAVERLAND 14 (Mrs B Blackwell) John Berry 5-8-12 M Tebbuil	
14	(13) 0052050	TAEL OF SILVER 5 (C.F.G) (P Fiteeman) A Badley 5-8-12 D Wheelst	6
15		WELSH MOUNTAIN 34J (D.F.) (Mrs. P. Butter) K. Morgan 4-9-12 J. Reid	6
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3.00 STANMER MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,122 2m 4f) (11)

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2 26-0 CLOCK WAITCHERS 14 J Brugger 9-11-5
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3 NOBLE ATHLETE 18 Mrs. J Pitton 5-11-5
0- OBSIDIAN 177 Mrs. R George 5-11-5
15 505- GOLDEN LEV 254 Gey Reflewiy, 4-11-0
16 304- GOLDEN LEV 254 Gey Reflewiy, 4-11-0
17 5052 MARGGE STRAIT 17 Mrs. A King 5-11-0
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3-7 Gold Lance 4-7 Noble Athlete 6-7 Macy, 8-7 Bayung, Fear Criste, Miller Music, Golden Lity, 12-1 others

3.30 CHAILEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,891; 2m) (5) 1 IFP2 CASPIAN BELIGA 21 (D.F.) 5 Kngdt 9-13-10 G Dydon 2 12-P DR RDCKST 23 (BF.D.F.G.S.) 6 Debut 12-10-12 X AZZION (S) 3 4-23 SUFFERMICK 23 (D.F.SM Pipe 6-10-6 A P McCoop 4 P3-3 SHERMICK 25 (D.F.SM Pipe 6-10-6 A P McCoop 5 P-02 DAYS OF TRUNDER 11 (CD.F.G) Mrs. 5 Does 9-10-0 J Custory 9.4 Shehwood Boy, 5-2 Caspian Beluga, 7-2 Supermick, 11-2 Dr Rocket, 13-2 Days Of Thunder.

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4.00 PLUMPTON AUTUMN HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,031: 2m 4f) (7) 1 30/1 NATIVE SHORE 14 (CD.G) C Marin 5-12-0 Mr k R O'Ryan (7) 2 533- LA MENDROURNA 14F (7.5) O Maris, 7-11-9 J A McCardin 3 21P- MISRIC SPREE (16 (8) C L Moore 5-11-5 A P McCov 4 132- NIGHT IN A MULLION 167 (CD.F) S Moodman 6-11-5

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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BLINKGEREU FIRST TIME: Newcastle: 1.20 Mon Performe, Boul. Nottingham: 1.40 Lady Silk. 2.10 Bedoum Honda. 3.10 Bea's Ruby 3.40 Parsa. Plumpton: 2.00 Uoni

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1.20 Eponine. 1.50 Tullymumy Boy. 2.20 Pentland Squire. 2.50 Speaker Weatherill. 3.20 Supertop. 3.50 Tapetch.

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.20 PENTLAND SQUIRE.

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1.20 BARBOUR NORTHUMBRIA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,190: 2m) (10 numers)

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1.50 BARBOUR BEDALE NOVICES CHASE

1 0-F1 MISTER ROSS 18 (F.6) H Johnson 7-11-5 P Carberty 2 41P4 THE ENERGEBER 29 (F) 0 Lumb 11-11-5 J Burks 8 3 56/5 STRONG BLADE 24 Water 7-10-72 A 5 Somb 69 4 143- TULLYMURRY TOFF 198 (D.F) Jungsman 8-10-12E Callagian (3) 4-6 Tuthymoury Toll, 11-8 Moster Ross, 20-1 The Engineer, 33-1 Strong Blade

2.20 BARBOUR BURGHLEY NOVICES HURDLE 1 -122 PERTILAND SOURIE 24 (F) J. Jeftesson S-11-5 A.K. Smith (7) 120
2 PO-F CHARTLEY LANGERT 23 J. Maching 6-10-12 E. Husband (3) 111
3 045 CHARTLEY SAMBERT 23 J. Maching 6-10-12 Mr. M. Machiney 9
4 -440 LITTLE DURE ? Mrs. S. Beschame 5-10-12 Mr. M. Baschiame (7) 30
5 PP. PERKY TOD 228 J. Howard Johnson 5-10-12 Mr. A.S. Swith 6
5 SR MORTINGER Mass S. Wildermann 6-10-12 J. Supple 6
6 SR SUPERSOUD 285 F. Mrs. 9-10-12 Mr. M. Bonat 68
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2.50 BARBOUR BEACON HANDICAP CHASE 1 11-2 WEAVER GEORGE 142 (BF.F.G.S) W Storey 7-12-0 M Mollocopy 125 2 4324 SPEAKER WEATHERDL 16 (BF.F.G.) Berman 8-11-13 M Brenten 120

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3.20 BARBOUR BILLY BOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,766: 2m) (6)

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 $3.50\,$ W K BACKHOUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,733: 2m 110yd) (5)

2-1 Tapadah, 9-4 Cress Cannon, 7-2 Teeppy nishth, 5-1 Blackup Dawn 12-1 Bil Cl A Drewn.

TRADIERS: J Jetlerson, 9 winners from 33 numbers, 27 3%, O Biennan, 3 bron 14, 21 4%, M W Easterby, 11 from 52, 21 2% Mrs J Bronn, 3 from 17, 17 6%; L Lungo, 7 from 56, 12,5%, M Hammond, 12 from 114, 10,5%. JOCKEYS: P Carberry, 5 winners from 20 rules, 25 0%, M Brennan. teom 14, 21 4%; A Carnity, 13 from 70, 18,6%, D Parker, 4 from 29, 13,6%, A Dobbin, 16 from 121, 13,2%, R Quest, 6 from 56, 10,7%

RICHARD EVANS

Nan: BOLD BUSTER (1.10 Nottingham) Next best: Strazo

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7-4 Superiop, 5-2 Eden Dancer, 5-1 Bores, 6-1 Best Dt Alil, 7-1 Spedens Deligiti.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

1.30 Tough Act 2.00 Urgent Reply. 2.30 Normarange. 3.00 Gold Lance, 3.30 Supermick. 4.00 Native Shore. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM 1.30 BALCOMBE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,385: 2m 1f) (9 runners) 126 THE FRENCH FURZE 42 (G) M Pope 11-3 128 THE PRESENT FORCE 42 (5) M PIP 11-3
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2.00 CUCKFIELD NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,908. 2m 1i) (9)

1 1121 DAMAS 7 (B.C.F.E.S) M Pipe 6-11-6 ... A P McCoy
2 3- HAL HOD VARACOAI 10F R Alexunsi 4-11-6 ... R Durrencely
3 6 URGENT REPLY 13 C Durrer 4-11-6 ... R Durrencely
4 SPP1 DISTANT STORM 12 (B.D.g.) B Leveling 4-11-0 ... B Powell
5 ODGU SOU WESTERLY 60 C Weedon 6-10-11 ... D O Sulfivan
6 PP TONNEN 14 J Brotan 5-10-11 ... D Morris
7 FPP MEDICRY'S MESIC 17F AM Mediginach 5-10-8 ... B Fention
8 40/3 HIGHEST ROOTS 41 D Wriste 6-10-5 ... W Marrison
9 5-3 UDM 77 (9) P Builder 4-11-0 ... T J Marginy 2-1 Hai Hoo Yaroom, 5-2 Darras, 4-1 Urgent Repty. 6-1 Highest Roots. 8-1 Distant Storm, 20-1 Uoni, 25-1 Sou Sou Westerly. 33-1 Others.

2.30 STAPLEFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,460: 2m 5f) (6)

1 1U-2 NORMARAMGE 14 (C.F) D GISSRI 7-11-10 . B Fenton
2 6-31 ITS URBELEVABLE 10 (F.G) P Eccles 7-11-3 . A Magure
3 /96- THE MIRRSTER 326 (F) R Champion 3-10-9 . B Powel
4 55-P E SURPRISED 14 (G) 61 Moore 11-10-9 . M Batchelor (7)
5 P3-0 RYTON RUN 13 (F 6) Mrs 5 Orbit 12-10-9 . Custory
6 24-3 JONES JACK 10 (F,S) 7 Deen 12-10-0 . T Descorable 11-8 bs Unbellevable, 6-4 Normarange, 8-1 Be Surprised 12-1 The Minister, 14-1 Joint Jack 20-1 Refer Rea.

Sally Jones returns to school to discover a soft spot for the old-fashioned art of riding side-saddle

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Saddled with a new style

it deep in the saddle: press down hard with the back of your right knee and keep that right toot pointing downwards," commanded my instructor Clarissa Dawson. "Hips square, facing forward and whatever you do, keep that right shoulder back." My mount Houghton's Ruby, Harry for short, accelerated into a lively trot. At once, my precarious equilibrium van ished as I slouched, squirmed in the saddle and bounced like a nea on a drum, clinging to the mane with one hand and wondering how the Queen manages to look so poised at the Trooping the Colour.

Riding side-saddle may have an elegantly haughty image but even for those like me with experience riding astride, the first attempts can prove awkward. It took another half-hour's alternate walking and trotting in the indoor school of Pittern Hill Riding school at Kineton. Warwickshire, one of Britain's top side-saddle centres, before I could contort that wayward



Ms Dawson in costume

right leg and right shoulder into their correct positions at the same time for more than a few strides: the side-saddle equivalent of patting your head and rubbing your tummy simultaneously.

Gradually I gained confidence and felt more aware of what my seat and shoulders were doing, even (temporarily) eliminating the droop in the right shoulder, a universal fault among beginners which slews the rider sideways and off balance. By squeezing with the left leg and tapping Harry's flank with the long cane carried in the right hand to give the "aids" normally transmitted by the right leg. I eased him into a gentle canter which was far more comfortable than the trot.

re negotiated the corners safely. thrilled to discover that the off-repeated advice - to grip hard with my right knee round the upper curved peg at the front of the saddle. known as the "fixed head" really did work.

Watching Clarissa in action was an inspiration. She and her handsome grey gelding Buttons, on whom she has twice won the National Side-Saddle Rider of the Year, moved as if moulded together with almost imperceptible transitions between the different paces, and even made jumping look easy. Clarissa folding gracefully forward from the hips while Buttons stretched out over the spreads. Although most pupils take their lessons wearing jodh-



purs so that the instructor can see the position of their legs seat, turn-out is a vital part of side-saddle competitions and Clarissa kitted us out in the traditional costume. She looked breathtakingly smart in the formal version of black silk top hat, veil, false bun (compulsory in showing classes for riders with short hair) cream stock, checked waistcoat and black "habit" a tailored jacket and fullskirted "apron" - over matching breeches and long black boots. I wore a more worka-day ensemble of black peaked cap, cream shirt and tie beneath a flatteringly cut jacket and apron in the pretty lovat green tweed often seen in orking hunter classes

tiquette," explained Clarissa, "is still very important. You wear a top hat only in major competitions county shows and above and only if your class is after midday. In smaller shows and in morning classes, you wear a bowler. A little make up is always worn to lift the features under the veil, which helps you to keep the top hat in place: you never wear earrings; gloves are always brown because black signifies mourning and if you're in mourning you shouldn't be riding. It sounds quirky but there are good reasons for most of the rules." We mounted up again and

toured Pittern Hill's spectacular landscaped grounds while I tried desperately to emulate Clarissa's effortless poise. I began to feel more like my childhood heroine, Lady Venetia Ferrers, a proud cavalier beauty from the pages of an historical romance, galloping fearlessly through the woods

It is evidently a widely-held fantasy as growing numbers of women of all ages are taking up the ancient sport which until the past 20 years was seen as the sole preserve of leathery old trouts on the hunting field. It became so unfashionable after the Second World War that many old side-saddles were burnt, and there is now a shortage as modern versions are either too expensive or too weak.

Most newcomers buy ar borrow a dilapidated saddle to start with, then upgrade to a smarter version for higher class competition, generally using a lighter saddle for jumping and a more solid one for showing and equitation classes. Although many riders come into the sport attracted by its glamour and tradition. most discover that, done properly, it is probably more secure than riding astride.

"Of course I love the ele-gance of it," confessed Clarissa, who took it up 12 years ago, "but for me it's vital to be effective as well as elegant." One of her pupils. Joyce Hulse, from Norfolk, is typical of the new breed of rider; despite a life dominated by horses, she took up sidesaddie only last summer, got hooked and now makes the two-and-a-half hour trip from Swaffham to Warwickshire each week to train at Pittern

"I'd longed to hunt sidesaddle because it was such a challenge." she said, "and I managed it last season. I





By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT Look at this trump lay-out:

You may judge as West that it is vital for you to play trumps. In that case, as any good player knows, the correct card to play is the queen. That stops one ruff at the expense of a trump trick, but if declarer decides to use the jack to ruff you get your trick back. This is the balance sheet:

I) West doesn't play trumps at all. Declarer gets two ruffs, West gets one trump trick, so in all declarer gets seven trump tricks. 2) West plays a low trump. Declarer puts on the jack. He gets one ruff, West doesn't get a trump trick, so again declarer makes seven tricks in trumps.

3) West plays the queen of trumps. If declarer just draws trumps he gets six trump tricks and no ruff. If he takes a ruff with the jack that promotes West's ten, so he only makes five trump tricks

in hand plus the ruff, again only six tricks.

Thus the queen is the winning play. Another variant is this lay-

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If West judges he has to play trumps, the jack is the card. If the declarer takes more than one ruff, West's nine is promoted.

There were mixed fortunes for the two United States teams in the world championship finals in Hammamet. Tunisia. United States I (Marinesa Letizia, Lisa Berkowitz, Jill Meyers, Randi Montin, Mildred Breed, Tobi Sokolow) defeated China by 249-184 IMPs to win the Venice Cup, the women's world championship. In the open final for the Bermuda Bowl, France (Paul Chemia, Michel Perron, Christian Mari, Alain Levy, Frank Multon, Herve Mouliel) defeated the defending champions, United States II, by 328-301 IMPs. The new world transnational Swiss teams championships was won by an Italy/Poland combination, captained by Leandro Burgay. In the final they crushed a Poland team, captained by Krzsyztof Jassem, by 132-40 IMPs. The bronze medal was shared by Gardynik, of Poland, and Hanna, of Canada.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



By Philip Howard

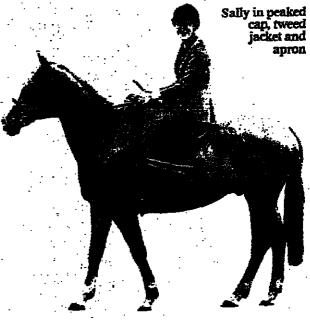
PULFRICH a. Facially beautiful b. Free-running c. An optical effect

GAINE a. Component of an HE shell b. Prophecy

PULLORUM a. A bacterial disease in chicks b. Belonging to a rowing eight c. A large belfry

ZEUGMA a. The mother of Jupiter b. Netherlands inland marina c. A figure of speech

Answers on page 43



All you need to know to get started

men have been riding sidesaddle for centuries, and the sport is now enjoying a re-naissance with hundreds of riders, aged from 10 to 80. Children under ten are not encouraged to try side-saddle because of the strain put on the spine by the need to sit facing squarely forwards with the right leg slewed across the body. The Side-Saddle Association, which was founded 22 years ago, now boasts over 1,200 members, many of whom compete at a variety of levels, while several hundred other women also ride regularly for pleasure.

WAYS AND MEANS: Wo-

TAKING UP SIDE-SAD-DLE: It is strongly recommended that only women with at least basic experience of riding astride take up sidesaddle as most of the same principles apply. Although it is easier for the young and slender to improve rapidly and look most elegant when turn-out is judged, even the older, less sylph-like riders can achieve a high standard and get a lot of pleasure from it, whether hacking, hunting in traditional style or competing. Side-saddle is no longer the sole preserve of the rich, and women from all walks of life are taking it up, attracted by its idiosyncratic blend of lamour and tradition.

Virtually no men ride sidesaddle, although Philpot, the owner of Pittern' KNOWN SIG saddle trainer is an exception, often performing a routine as a comic turn or to demonstrate technique to his pupils.

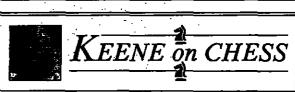
COST: Although side-saddle is not a cheap sport, mainly because suitable saddles are

hard (and expensive) to come by, many newcomers start by trying it aboard well-schooled riding-school horses and wearing basic riding kit of jodhpurs, boots and shirt, only investing in the full regalia when they are competing seriously.

LESSONS: These vary in price depending on the area and level of expertise of your instructor. Pittern Hill Riding School offers a half-hour private lesson for £15 and an hour-long group session for the same price; outstanding value as many Home Counties establishments charge rearly double.

SADDLES: a dilapidated hunting saddle will probably cost around £350 to £400 but an old show-quality one could be nearer £1,000. These come complete with single strrup and safety fitting to ensure a rapid release in case of a fall and the two upholstered pommels to keep the legs in place, the fixed head and the leaping from £2,000 but are generally considered too lightweight to survive more than a couple of

CLOTHING: the price varies according to quality, but an average habit of fitted jacket and apron, a skirt fuller on the left side and with an elastic loop fitted round the foot to stop the skirt blowing up costs around £200 and a competition quality bowler about £150; the checked waistcoa around £40; cream stock £15; breeches from £40 and black boots from £80 although many riders buy them second-



By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT Kinsman wins

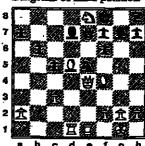
International master Andrew Kinsman from Brighton won a convincing first prize in the international tournament at Wrexham. In so doing, he also achieved his first norm for the grandmaster title. Kinsman went through the tournament undefeated, while second place, also undefeated, was taken by Mark Taimanov, the

veteran Russian grandmaster. White: Andrew Kinsman Black: Gary Lane

Owens Corning, Wrexham. October 1997

Queen's Gambit Accepted 3 c4 4 Nc3 . e4 ජ්රි ජේ 14 Rad1

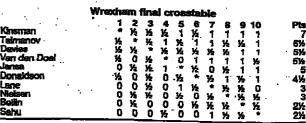
15 bxc3 16 Bd5 Qe4 Fie8 b6 18 Nh4 NdB Diagram of final position



World teams

With one round to go in the world team championship at Lucerne in Switzerland, the British Chess Federation team is still pursuing the United States and Russia. After eight rounds the scores are United States 20/32, Russia 192 and England 19.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in section on Saturday.



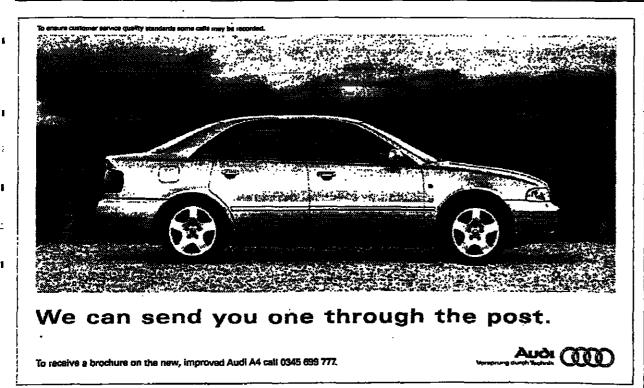
In the above table, 1 represents a win, % a draw and 0 a loss

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Glek -Lasarev, San Giorgio 1997. In this position White played I Rxi8+ and Black resigned, presumably expecting to be mated after 1 ... Kxf8 2 Bc5+ Kg8 3 Qc8+. What did he overlook?

Solution on page 43





Pressing down with the back of the right knee is a must

Harry with (very) basic jumps

next on the agenda.
"Don't worry," Clarissa en-

couraged. "It's virtually im-

possible to come off out of the

front door' because of the way

the saddle's designed, so the only way you can fall off is backwards." Can't wait.

enjoyed it enormously despite

a few falls. As you get older you have to build up the

muscles slowly until you get fit

enough to do a whole day side-

saddle." Feeling feeble in com-parison. I tried to ignore my aching right knee and booked a series of lessons aboard

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HONG KONG OPEN; Merc Semi-finato: 7
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(Malayssa) 15-3, 15-8; P Gade Christersen
(Den) bt P Resmussen (Den) 15-10, 15-3
Finat Gade Christersen bi Stuer-Laundsen
7-15, 15-8, 15-4 Wornen: Semi-finats Wu
Humm (China) bi Zhu Yuwu (China) 12-10,
11-5, Gong Ruina (China) bi Zh Kyung-won
(S Kon) 11-7, 11-1. Finat: Gong bi Wu 11-3,
8-11, 11-8.

8-11, 11-5.

GLASGOW: Scottlish invitation singles championalines Merc Semi-finals: J Mailer (Stating) to S Paistey (Glasgow) 15-5, 15-6; B Floothart (Durfammine) to D Forbes (Erskin) 15-1, 15-2. Final: Floothart to Mailer 15-3, 15-4. Women: Semi-finals: G Martin (Broomfield) to K Steller (Durfamine) 11-0, 11-5; F Sneddon (Lochgely) to K Network (Bridge of Wein) 12-11, 11-9. Final: Martin bi Sneddon 11-2, 11-4. BASKETBALL

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Nottingham 58; Ordord 83 Teesside 77
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(OT), Deflas 89; Soatte 81; Vancouter 97
Sacramento 96; Portland 82 Los Angeles
Clippers 74.

BOWLS

HONG KONG: International classic: Singles: First round il-tom; kong unless stated) G Baker (SA) bit K Leichundari 25-8; F Hambly (Channel (alansis) bit WS Lo 25-21, T C Fernandas bit L Adams (Cari) 25-17; D Ku bit A Wits (Eng.) 25-16; G Robertson (Scof) bit M Hur 25-21, A Poyntion bit M C havok 25-21; B McNitch (NZ) bit D Abraham 25-10; W McMalhon bit A Ford 25-16; S Allen [Ire] bit I, Fernandas 25-9; H Thorrison bit J Hoskins (Wales) 25-20; T Long bit K C Su 25-3; N Karnedy bit Fung Kee Tong 25-18; A Johney (Aus.) bit K W Lee 25-21; B Ho bit Z Putch (Malayssa) 25-20; F Lakom is A Ruston 25-22; M McCommok (Zm) bit J McKinisy 25-18; D Gourley (Scort) bit D Tso 25-20; F Lo bit J F Wan 25-14; K Wallis bit Lee 25-24; B Baldwin (PZ) bit J Chan 25-14; W Carming (Zm) bit H Lat 25-4, J Wong bit K Y Kween 25-16; D He bit J Astison (Cari) 25-24; S Arey (Eng) bit K B Tang 25-18; M Matthews (Wales) bit I, Parker 25-16; M Wallis bit I, Parker 25-16; D Le Manquend (Channel Islands) bit O Adam 25-18; P C Chan bit A Standan (Malaysa) 25-22; N Burlett (SA) bit P Wong 25-19; P C Chan bit A Standan (Malaysa) 25-23; N Burlett (SA) bit P Wong 25-19; P C Chan bit A Standan (Malaysa) 25-29; B Lot D Bit J Blaster 25-16; J Hony (Ire) bit J Shin 25-16; Second roundt Baler bit D Shin 25-16; McCommick bit Lakoon 25-11; Gourley bit D 25-25; McCommick bit Lakoon 25-11; Gourley bit D 25-26; Le Manquend bit Chan 25-11; Henry bit D 32-26; Le Manquend bit Chan 25-11; Johney bit McCommick 25-11; Gourley bit Gourlay bit McCommick 25-11; Gourley bit McCommick 25-11; Gourley bit Gourlay bit Mannely 25-27; Alley bit Ha 21-15; Airey bit Wong 25-11; Gourley bit Gourlay bit McMonen 25-18; Le Manquend bit Lakoon 25-11; Le Manquend bit Anny 25-18; Le Manquend bit Lakoon 25-11; Le Manquend bit Anny 25-18; Le Manquend bit McNeh 25-18; Le Manquend bit McNeh

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Kirt 123 Sumey 108
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BOXING GLASCOW, Kelvin Hall: British and vector Commonwealth super-bantamweight champlonship: M Brode (Manchestor holder) to W Occherty (Scot) to 4th. British holder) bi W Occherty (Scot) ko 4th. British Festherweight championship eliminatur: E Pickering (Newark) bi M Beverney (Scot) sc 8th Heavyweight (Emds): S Welch (Begthon) bi P Oboh (Negarb) ps. Welleweight (Emds). T Deon (Scot) bi N Bradley (Shelicel) bis Lightweight (Emds): T Ahmed (Glasgow) to D Bramhad (Docates) ps. Feetherweight (Brods) 6 Carr (Moddesburn) bit S Corwey (Dewsbury) ris.

LONDON, Marriott hotel: Common LCINDON, Memora noise: Commonweaper light-middlewelight championship (vacant): J Tshuma (SA) bit P Jones (Shetiletz) pits. Heasyweight (Amds): G McGhan (Sunderland) bit N Howard (Bagoed) ke 2nd Lightweight (Amds): J Cook (Maeeceg) bit M Smith (Swansea) pits. Light-weight (Britis): R Bitus (Lich bit G Smith (Besteton) pits.

CURLING PERTH: Scottish European champ-lonahip team playdowner Sami-finals; M Combe (Perth) to H McMillan (Strantaer) 3-2: D Ongourgh (Aviernare) bt W Smith (Perth) 8-0.

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: Nottinghamathins inter-restonal (Holme Pierreport, 28lim): 1, P Van Riet (Bel) Tir Timn 48sec; 2, G Foord Mediands CCA West) at Sec; 3, P Van den Abeele (Belgrum) 1:04; 4, E Vervaert

(Bos) 1-16, 5, B Clarke (Team Role ch) 1-59
6. T Gould (Eng) 2-12 BCCA Women's
National trophy (second (ound, Holmo Penreport, 17mm) 1. I Rowntree (Black Country) 4223; 2. I. Roberson (Ralach) at 5-ccc 3. J Copnali (Blospan-Raleon) at 5-sec Normich ABC (Bowthoupe, 15 mass) 1, 9 Patron (Marshall s.1 (6, 00; 2, 11 Mater (possible at 1-30; 3. I Nowby (Criss) at 2-40 Wigan Wheelers (Beaster Country Park, 10 miles). 1, 1 Cultiverson (Ralach) 1-03-53; 2. Mil Ett, (Atom Bto RT in 2 Tiser 3, M Balley (Team Cheury), 26 Obonian CC (Beechangdon 11 miles); 1, R Rumbulow (Fingroves) 55:59 2. P Linyd (Debot Prooms) at 2-30; 3, J Blarm (Lintoch) 2-40 Notingfranshire and Derbyshoe League (Fifth round, Holme Penrepoint 16 miles), 1, 9 Van den Aboots (Se) 5-2 45; 2, M Gay (Gard UK) at 11:sec; 3, 0 Baker (Toam G1) 23sec.

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FIGURE SKATING

GELSENIGRCHEN, Germany, Nations Cup: Ment: Final: 1. E Stokio (Richmond Hd. Orland), 1 factored planngs, 2. It Pashkeyoch (Azerbayen) 3.0. 3. A Aut (Russ) 5.5. Women: Final: 1. 1 Szewczenio (Ger) 15.2. Stokiskaya (Russ) 45.3. E Lesheriko (Illun) 4.5 Paris Final: 1. M Whetzel and I Stever (Ger) 15.2. E Brezzinanja and A Sikhanulche (Purs.) 30. E Filoneniko and I Marcheniro (Likri 50.4. P Schwarz and M Muester (Ger) 5.5. 5. M Savard Gagnon and L. Bradett (Zen) 80. 6. M Petrove and 1 Pouline (Pluss) 85. 7. L. Haddiad and S Prine (Fri wathdrow, Ice Denaing: Pinal: 1. A Knylova and O Orsystmikov (Russ) 20; 2. M Anassana and G Pézzera (Fr) 40. 3. J Romanova and I Yaroshenko (Ukr) 6.0. 4. T Natka and N Monozov (Belenus) 8.6; 5. K. Winkier

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MOTOR RALLYING

AUSTRALIAN RALLY: Leading final positions: 1, C McRae (GB, Subaru innovezai Art Smn 3:core 2, T Majanen i Fin, Mittadoch Lancer; 405-37, 3, D Aundi (Fr. Toyota Corolla) 405-27, Baurra (RB, Mittadoch Carolla) 415-38, Baurra (RB, Mittadoch Carolla) 413-23, 6, E Ordina's (ALS, Mittadoch Lancer) 4 14-55, 7, F Loui (Bel. Toyota Celeca) 4 15-22, 8, N Bailes; Auc, Toyota Celecai 424-34, 10, H Rovempeta Fin, Seal basa) 4-30-27 Leeding world championship positions: Drivers, 1, Majanen Edges, 2, McRae 52, 3, C Santz (Sin 47-4 & Eritsson (Swe) 28, 5, P Llotti (B) 22, 6, J Karakumen (Fin) 23, 7, R Bants 18, 8, A Schwesz (Born 11) 9, G Panaza (Fin) 8, 10, F Loo & Mannafacturens; 1, Suberu 104-pic, 2, Mitsubshi 82, 3, Ford 81

ORIENTEERING

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(London) 12:53 Veteran W Almand (Quintin) 12:46 Junior, M Producy (Tideway Soutiers) 13:23 Women, Servior one: k McClelland (Barrotridge) 13:42 Senor three: C Gibb (Norach) 14:00 Novos: A Barron (Upper Thames) 14:19 Novoe: A Barrion (Upper Thames) 13-19
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RUGBY FIVES

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SCHOOLS SPORT

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SNOOKER

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PARIS. Open tournament Guerter-final T Engast (Sue) bt G Passo Fr; 7-5, 6-2 Semi-finals; P Sampras (US) bt Y Kalehikov (Russ) 7-6 6-3 J Epinaran Swe) bt Engast 7-6 7-3 Final Sampras Bjorkman 6-3, 4-6 6-3, 6-1 BOGOTA: Cotombian Open: Ouarre-finals: D Sanguard* (fit to 3 Burist 15), 6-63 Y Spacea (US, b) F Marigon (5), 7-6 7-C F Obset (Sp. b) E Assacz (Sp. 7-6 2-ce) N Laporth (Equ. b) D Cota (Sp. 7-6 2-C) Spacea (Book 15), 2013 (Sp. 7-6 2-ce) N Laporth (Equ. b) D Cota (Sp. 7-6 2-(Equ. 8), 2013 (Sp. 7-6 2-6), 2013 (Sp. 7-6 2-6 TOKYO: NTT Date Champions tourns ment First round: M Purcell-Marray "Usite J Lines (US) 6-1 6-4 B Body (Sae) bt N Bohram (Fr) 7-5, 6-3, A Gamez (Ec) at F Cash (GB) 7-6 (7-0), 6-1 J Compat (Sae) N Uson (Japan) 6-4 GC Serm-Inals

bra AUSTIN, Texas: Healthsouth USTA Challenge, Quarter-linals; C Morar, IUSI st R Zhuchva, Skoneva i 62, 62, 6 agglard, ISwitz) bt A Miler (US) 6-3, 6-3, 11 Vayag (Japan) bt L Hemeshova (2), 6-1, 6-1, M co Swardt (SA) bt C Chisto (Rom et 1, 6-2, M co EDINBURGH: Women's challenger tour-nament: Final: B Schwartz (Austria) 5: S Nacuk (rug) 3-6: 6-3: 6-4 REDBRIDGE: Grobenk Tour, Men: First N View Hampshird of T Schaol (1975), 4, 6-4 Women: Final: E Jeft (1975), bt A Wamwigh: (Essen 4-6, 6-4, 7-5

VOLLEYBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Men: First division. Liverpool 3 Sherbed 2 Malory Levinciam 3 Leeds 1 Potoma Esting 3 Whiteboo 0. Stoke 3 Crofton Sportswampuse 9, Wes-

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SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division; Clydesdale 3 Steops 1 Investelli 4 Neburne 4 Memier Wonderers 5 Grange 2 Watsonians 1 Gardonians 5 Western Grasshopen 4 MM 3 Second division; Clydebanh 1 Aberdeen GSFP 2 Dunder, University 2 Grove DHS 6 Dunfamin Camege 6 Unsignits Membeshill 3 Grange-mouth 0 Edinburgh University 1 Third division: Ellen Gordon 1 Giffroch 2, Greenoch 5 Cochrane Park 9 Morgan 1 Pertifisher 1, SI Andrews University 2 Pender Uddingston 3: Westchars Motherwell 3 Sterling Wanderers 2

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England 2 South Korea 5 (at Millon Neynes): New Zealand 4 Mataysia 0 (at

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CUP: Second round: Basingstoke 0 East Grinslead 2. Blackburn 3 Cronkbourne Bacchanarrans 0, Bognor Regis 4 Famborough (Hartis) 2. Chanwood 2 West Bromwich (** Coeby 2 Yorks 1: Dereham 3 Pelerborough 1: Didsbury Greys 5 Disley 1: Epsom 7 Teddinglon 4. Empouth 6 Bournerouth 1: Gloucester City 2 Wootton Bassell 1. Gravesend 1 Surbury 4. Guernsey 0 Southampton 4. Hampslead and Westminster 2 Leichworth 0* Homosatte 0 Crimson Ramblers 5: Houselow 1 Brosbourne 3. Ipswich and East Suffolio (**)

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Nampalead 0, Reading 5 Soton 2:
Winchester 3 Tisse Hall 0, Winchmote Hall 1
Ulyhach 5 Standings 1 Hendon 12, 2

WOMEN'S WELSH LEAGUE; Cardil Ath 3 Swarsea 4; Newport 1 Colleyn Bay 1. Penarth 1 Newtown 2, Portypridd 2 LWIC

WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES: S. Otion 8 Loughboro Students O. Poynton 2 Don-casser 7, Woking 1 Wimbledon 2

RUGBY UNION

Heineken Cup

25 Pontypridd Brive: Tries: J Carret, Lameison, Travers Const. Lameison 2. Pens: Lameison 2. Pontypridd: Tries: James, Spiler. Const. Jeniens 2. Pens: Jeniens 2. Alt: 15,000.

24 Llanelli 20 Cardiff: Tries: Kacele, J Thomas, Con: Jarvis Pens: Jarvis 4. Lianelli: Tries: Evans, McBryde, Proctor Con: Warlow Pen: Warlow, Alt: 8,000

90 Glasgov Leicester: Tries: Horek 4, Stransky 3, Cocker® 2, Cony. Greenwood. Heeley, Lloyd. Richards. Cons: Stransky 10, Glas-gow. Thise: Craig. Hayes. Little Cons: Hayes 2 Att 8,486.

REVISED QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: November 8: Bath v Cardiff (2 15): Toulouse v Harlequins (3 30), November 9: Wasps v Brive (2 15); Pau v Leloester (3 20). Allied Dunbar Premiership First division

31 47 Richmond Bath: Tries: Evans 2. De Glanville, Nool, Redman, Thomas. Isimba. Const. Callard 2. Batshaw Pens: Casterd 2. Richmond: Tries: Bateman, Cathrell, J Dawes, Fellon, S. Quannell, Const. Mason 3.

London Irish: Try: Hogan Con: Corcoran Pens: Corcoran 4. Newcastle: Trias:

16 Harlequins Gloucester: Try: Fanolus. Con: Maplelot. Pens: Mapletott 3. Hartsquint: Tries: Gareth Llewellyn, Williams. Cons: Lacrob. 2. Pen: Lacrob. Att. 7,937. 31 Bristol

Seracens: Tries: Lynagh 2, Plenser, Singer, D. Thompson. Cons; Lynagh 3, Bristol; Pens: Burke 3, Att. 4,258. 22 Sale 38

Wasps: Try: Wood Corr. Rees Pans: Ress 5 Sele: Triess Rees 2, Marrint, Sanderson Const. Howarth 3 Pens: Howerth 3. Dropped goal: Howarth Att. 4,100. revicaste Saracens Bath Hadequins Richmond Leicester Gioucester

ERADING SCORERS: 78: M Lynagh Isaracens; 2 ines. 9 conversions, 16 penalty goals; 71: S Howerth (Sale: 13c, 14pg, 1 dropped goal) 58: M Mapletott IGoucester, 21: 9c, 9pg, 1dg; 57: G Rees (Wasps; 1t, 5c, 14pg), 47: J Stransky (Lecester, 1t, 5c, 10pg), 48: R Andrew Newcastler 5c, 12pg) 45: P Burke (Bristol; 6c, 9pg, 2dg), 59: J Callerd (Bellt; 11, 5c, 8pg) 37: N Woods (London Irish: 11, 4c, 8pg).

Jewson National League Second division north Winnington Park 28 Lichfield 13 WHILETICS

ROAD RUNNING: New York marsthort Mert 1. J Kagwe (Ken) 2th Obmin 12set; 2. J Cheber (Ken) 2 09 27; 3. S Balchi (ff) 2 09:31; 4. A Mouazz (Mor) 2 00:04; 5. G Sava (Mex) 2 10:19; 8. D Ceston (Por) 2:10:23; 7. R Stellor (Slovalda) 2 17:11; 8. D Ceston (Mex) 2:13:10; 9. S Lopuyet (Ken) 2:13:41; 10, S Belatour (Alp) 2:14:22 (Woment 1, F Richal-Moter (Switz) 2:24:34; 10, F Richal-Moter (Switz) 2:26:43; 2. C de Rauck (SA) 2:29:11; 3. F Facctori (fi) 2:30:15; 4. A Caturia (Rom) 2:32:24:5. D Ferrara (fi) 2:31:44; 8. K Jones (Isw) 2:33:24; 5. D Fortrara (fi) 2:31:44; 8. K Jones (Isw) 2:33:04; 10. S Ardias (Flori) 2:35:22. A Restarction marsthorn Mert 1. S Kork (Ken) 2:30:14; 10. S Ardias (Deeper (Ken) 2:35:24; D Fortrara (fil) 2:35:24; D Fortrara (fil) 2:35:24; D Fortrara (fil) 2:35:24; D Fortrara (fil) 2:35:35; 3. M Lutza (Munoz (So) 2:40:01; 4. J Groni (Pol) 2:33:8, 5. A Hijman (Hol) 2:46:54.

CROSS COUNTRY: Snistol: Resbolk chall-enge: Sentor men: 1, C Stephenson

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SOUTH WEST: First division: St Ives 15

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Risk di-vision: Thurrock: 12 Wimbledon 41; Cheshurit 14 Sutton and Epson; 40.

Tetley's Bitter Cup Third round Berking Bedford Blackheath

Coventry Donceste 24 Tynedak 48 Aspams
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79 Liverpool St H
11 Rosslyn Park
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Weish League First division 13 Abertillery kwood: Tries; Lay. Rogers, Perc Lay. 17 Menthyr

Caerphility: Try: Wishwright. Pens; P Philips 4. Menthyr: Tries: Ford, Monte. Pen: Lloyd. 19 Bonymaen Cross Keys

Cross Kays: Tries: Owey A Price. Walsh. Cons: Belb 2. Bonymaen: Tries: Carlsen, C. Jenkins. Corr. S Davies: Dropped goal: G. Jones. 28 Treatchy

Llandovery: Tries: P Jones, E Lewis, Rowlands, D Williams. Con: Simpson. Pens: Rees. Simpson *Treorchy: Tries:* P Jones, Riggs. Con: D Lloyd. Pen: D Lloyd. 28 Maesteg Newbridge: Tries: Cooper, Powell, penetry by Core: J Williams 2. Penet. J Williams 3. Maestag: Penet; Pearce 2. Dropped goal: Pearce Nawbridge

19 Durwant Pontypoot Tries: Bevan, Cawley. Pens. Lawrence 3. Dunwant: Tries: Kille 3, Evans. E Harris, Ulewellyn, M Thomas, Const M Thomas 6.

21 Aberavon Pumney Rummey: Tries; Lee, Peard. Con: Mason. Pens: Mason 3 Aberevon: Tries: Cala-chan. R Lewie, R Morris. Cons: Stork 2. Pens: Stork 2. 32 Cardill Inst

SW Police South Wales Police: Tries: Codd, Howells. Legge, penalty try Cons: Sparrow 3. Pens: Sparrow 2 Cardiff Institute: Pens: Rob-

(Carciti) 24min 48eac; 2, K Culten (Chaimstord) 24:55; 3, C Robison (Shraitestord) 24:55; 3, C Robison (Shraitestord) 25:00; 4, D Barnister (Shaltestoury Barnet) 25:10; 5, D Burke (London Intel) 25:10; 6, S Duval (Camook; and Sasifiord) 25:21; Senior women; 1, E Telbot (Bedford) 17:18; 2, L Weight (Leeds City) 17;19; 3, L Elliont (Shaffesbury Barnet) 17:25; 4, A Whitcombe (Parkade Harrow) 17:35; 5, H Parry (Swensea) 17:36; 8, M Myer; (Parkade Harrow) 17:38; 2, M East (Cay of Portsmouth) 26:25; 3, A Mohammed (Hounslow) 27:22; Junior women; 8 Wede (Somen 17:59; 2, K Skonupska (Dxilord University) 18:30, 3, V Wildneson (Bingley) 18:30, Birmingham League; 1, S Barden (Lougitbookog) 13:10; 2, C Kartsson (Linguist Laguer) 1, 2, C Kartsson (Li

Portsmouth 25:55: 3. A Mohammed Portsmouth 27:02 Junior women: 8 Wade Hounstowl 27:102 Junior women: 8 Wade Somen 17:59: 2. K. Skorupska (Oxford University) 18:00, 3. V. Williamson (Brigley) 18:30. Similingham League: 1. S. Barden (Loughborough) 30:10; 2. C. Karlsson (Loughborough) 30:10; 2. C. Karlsson (Loughborough) 30:13; 3. M. O'Dowd Loughborough) 30:12; 4. M. Vaux-Harvey (Stourport) 30:26; 5. T. Recham (Coventy Godive) 30:28; 5. T. Recham (Coventy Godive) 30:28; 6. A Puckin (Tipton) 50:45. Teams: 1. Loughborough 53:58; 2. Coverty Godive 10:1; 3. Tokon 10:2; 4. Burchfield 130; 5. Tellord 206; 6. Learnington 25:7 Rochdale: Resobol League: Merch 5 miles: 1. P. Fresty (Bolton) 26:21; 2. M. Jones (Horwich) 28:33; 3. M. Keys (Rossendale) 29:32. Teams: 1. Bolton 52:pts; 2. Horwich 95; 3. Rossendale 97. Visiaram: 8 Dusbury (Rossendale) 30:52. Women: 3.5 milest; 1, P. Hope (Bolton) 21:28; G. Cook (Rochdale) 23:33. Horwich 40. Brentwood: Essex Leagues: Merch 10thm: 1, J. Mills (Chelmstord) 33:36; 2. J. Genry (Neartann and Essex Leagues: Merch 10thm: 1, J. Mills (Chelmstord) 33:43, Teams: 1, Chelmstord 80:pts; 2. Colchester 112; 3. Thurnock 143, Junior; 5. Starling 123:39; 3. T. Bartiston (Colchester and Tendring) 29:15; 3. J. Nicholas (Thurnock) 29:31; 3. L. Chelmstord (Horpase) 24:58; 3. M. Smith (Horhally) 25:23. Teams: 1, Politiston (Puma TVH) 24:31; 2. C. Beach 32: Herrers) 30:25; 2. A Smith (Rochill Road Runners) 30:35; 3. E Hyland (R

CLUS MATCHES: Blackburn 14 Preston Grasshoppers 48; Nottingham 7 Hinckley 26. Tour matches

26 Tonga XV Edinburgh Edinburgh: Titles: Burns, Clarke, Reid. Con: Hodge Pens: Hodge 2. Dropped goal: Ross. Tonga XV: Tries: Tenginos 2. Cons: Tonga 2. (at Greenyards, Metrose)

Scottish Borders 20 NSW Scottlish Bordens: Tries: Brown, Murray Cons: Weish 2. Pens: Weish 2. New South Wales: Tries: Dowling 4. Domain. Ed-monds, Glescon, Kagers, Nakauta, Priter. Cons: Edmonds 8. Pen: Edmonds. (at Goldenacre)

International match Argentina 15 Australia Argentina: Pens: Glannantonio 5 Austra-lia: Try: Eslas Pens: Knox 6. Att. 17,000.

(In Buenos Aires) OTHER MATCH: Singapore 3 China 33 (in WORLD CUP: European zone: Italy 102 Denmark 3 (in Bresole)

RUGBY LEAGUE

British Gas series First International match Great Britain 14 Australia

Great Britain: Tries: Lowes, Robinson. Goals: Fanel 3. Australie: Tries: Daley 3, Mullins 2, Gower, D.Smith Goals: Girdler 5. (at Wernbley) NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Woolston 20 Leigh Mipers 18. TOUR MATCH: Leads Students 6 Queens-

GOLF

JEREZ: Yowo Mesters: Leading final scores (GB and ire unless street, final round absendoned): 2001. L Westwood 65, 67, 68, 203: P Hamson 65, 70, 72, 204: J M Olazabel (So) 68, 67, 71, 205: R Karlsson (So) 69, 67, 70, 206: P O'Methey (Aus) 68, 69, 69, M McNably (Zhr) 64, 69, 73: P Sioland (Swe) 64, 68, 74, 207: C Montgomare 65, 71, 71, 208: E Romero (Arg) 71, 69, 68; J Woosnem 67, 69, 72: C Rocca (I) (69, 65, 74, 209: J Coceres (Arg) 68, 69, 72: Shress (Im) 67, 69, 73: M Long (Gar) 68, 70, 74; P-J Johansson (Swe) 63, 71, 76; D Clarke 69, 64, 77, 213: S Bellecterus (Sp) 72, 71, 70.

Ballosaros (Spi 72, 71, 70.

EUROPEAN ORDER OF MERIT: Leading firel places: 1, C Montgomerie (Scot) 5798,947; 2, B Langer (Ger) 5882,398; 3, L Westwood (Eng) 5598,718; 4, D Clarke (N re) 5337,406; 5, I Westman (Wales) 5503,582; 6, I Gerndo (Sp) 5411,479; 7, R Goosen (SA) 5294,597; 8, P Hamington (re) 5286,982; 9, J M Olazibei (Sp) 5285,648; 10, R Kartsson (Swe) 5354,542; 11, P-U Johansson (Swe) 5354,542; 11, P-U Johansson (Swe) 5354,582; 12, C Roccedig 5315,077; 13, E Romero (Arg) 5290,469; 14, M Jemes (Eng) 5271,510; 16, T Bjorn (Den) 5284,838.

To an assistance of the control of t 218: L. Janzen 71, 75, 70.

DAHATSU JUNIOR GOLF TOUR: National division (Forest of Arten) 72: 0

Kitishdge (Grea Hadham), 74: G Glisat (Rossandale), J Hall (Test Valley) (Giltelf second on countback), 75: P Smith (Edderminster), 78: D Springale (Ferndown), N Lomax (Northop), 5 Richards (Charindge Park), Southern division (The Buckerghamshire); 74: A Sams (Pescathaven) 75: B William (Camberley Heath), J Simons (Countback) 8: William (Camberley Heath), J Simons (Countback); Northern division (Parinsi); 74: J Hedmac (Craws), C Johrson, South Moor), C Catrel (South Moor), A Laing (Dougles, IoM) (Holmen first on countback) 75: A Cusak (Wallassy).



Tim Horan, the Australia centre, powers through a tackle by Rolando Martin, of Argentina, during Australia's 23-15 victory in Buenos Aires on Saturday

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

don v Queens Park Rengers (7.45) Third division: Engition v Bernet (7.45) BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Cyclebank v Queen of South RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL Kilck-off 7:30 unless stated * denotes all-licket match T**OUR MATCH:** Oxford University v Tonga (7 30). FA Carling Premiership

West Harn v Crystal Palace (8.0) DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division RACING: Haydock Park (1.10); Kempton Park (1.30), Newtor, Abbot (1.20) DM MANTENS EASTER TENTING TENTING CONSISTENCY
Whorester City v St Leonards
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Piret
dilytsion: Chelses v Swindom (Artificial Vingstonian, 7.0), Oxford United v Milwell
(at Winney Town FC) THURSDAY FOOTBALL

(a) Walley (OWATC)
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Cup: Group five:
Bernsley v York (7.0).
INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Invita-tion Cup: Oldbury v Ibstock Wellare OTHER SPORT Bury: Girmstry v Leicester: Enfield : Stevenage. ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Newtastle Cobras v Cardif Devis (7 b) RACING: Lingleta Park (AW. 140). Musselburgh (130): Towcester (120) OTHER SPORT

RACING: Nortingham (1.10); Newsasto (1.20); Plumpton (1.30) FRIDAY FOOTBALL TOMORROW NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Menchesser City v Huddersfield (7.45) Second division: Oldham v Gillingham FOOTBALL
UEFA CUP: Second round, second leg: Aston Vila (i) v Arthelic Bibao (i); Liverpool (i) v Strasbourg (ii) (ii) Natholic Bibao (ii); Liverpool (ii) v Strasbourg (ii) (iii) Pinet division: Birthingham v Bradtord (if 45): Bury v Nottingham Forest (if 45): Surv v Woherhampton (if 45): Surviv v Stochport (if 45): Stoche v Woherhampton (if 45): Susceptible (if 45): Stoche v Oxford United (if 45): Subdented v Oxford United (if 45): Subdented v Oxford United (if 45): Stoche v Oxford (if 45): Temperature v Huddersfield (if 45): West Biomwich v Nommen (if 45): Person Second division: Bieckpool v Nommen (if 45): Marsell v Fullem (if 45): Consisteried v Gallingham (if 45): Walsale v Birthelia (if 45): Walsale v Girmsby (if 45): Walsale v Girmsby (if 45): Notice (if 45): Notic FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League:
Newcaste Eages v London Leopards
(7:30) Uni-bas Trophy: Shetheld Shaiks v
Chester Jess (7:30)
RACING: Doncaster (1:0), Hednam (1:20)
Uniossjer (1:10) SATURDAY FOOTBALL

VADDI-ALL CONFERENCE: Douel v
Hayes: Galeshead v Hedrestort; Halitax v
Addistranster; Hereland v Yeowi; Asthema
y Morecambe: Leek v Slevenage,
Northwent v Pernborough Sough v
Challenham; Telford v Southport Walling v
Rustriden and Diamonds, Wolung v
Stalyoridge,
BELL'S SCOTTESH LEAGUE: Premise
divisions: Hearts v Heberner; Motherwell v
Kilmamock; Ramplers v Celtic; St Johnstone
v Duntermine, First divisions Any v Hemistort; Fallish v String; Greenock, Morton v St
Mirrer; Parick v Airotte, Raith v Dundes,
Second divisions Berchin v Stransie;
Civide v East File, Clydebenik v Forfar;
Inverneds CT v Stenhousemair, Outen of
South v Llvingston Third divisions: Albion v
Hose County; Aside v Dumberton; Astronath

v Berwick: Cowdenbeath Queen's Park v East Striling RUGBY UNION kirok-off 3.0 unless stated TOUR MATCH: Lianelli v New Zealand XV

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WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Aberavon
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WElschwood (2 0). Abertifery v Dandovery
(2 0), Bonymaen v Caerphilly (2 0), Dunvani
Newbridge (2 0). Meeting v Cross Keys
(2 0). Methyr v South Wates Police (2 0).
Teorichy v Forthypool (2 0). Cardill Institute
V Runney (2 0)
AIB LEAGUE: Second division: Old
Westey v Instonlans (2 30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Greet Britain v Australia (a) Old Trafford, 2,30)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Buchweiser League: Derby Storm v Watland Royels (7.30); Worthing Beers v Leicester Riders (8.0)

Beers v Leicosler Ridera (8.0)

BOXING: British superheather-weight charapionship: C Shepherd (Sdioth, holder) v M Brown (Mahroth) (at Biephant & Castle Leisure Centre, London)
ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedgea Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Ay Scottish Eagles v Manchester Storm (6.30)

RACING: Doncaster (12.50): Chapstow (1.15): Newcastle (1.10): Uncoster (1.30): Wincarton (1.05).

SWIMMING: National diving champion-ships (at Ponds Porge)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

RUGBY UNION

OTHER SPORT

10UH MATCH: Lizhen v new Zealand XV (5 0); Achmond v New South Wales, XV ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: Second dheaton: Bestlord v Coventry, Blackheath v Watertoo, Exeter v Moseley; Onell v London-field v West Hartlepool (2 30) JEWSON NATIONAL, LEAGUE: First di-vision: Harnogate v Lidron; 2 15). Leads v OTHER SPORT JENSON NATIONAL, LEAGUE: First of-visitors: Hamogate v Lydney (2:15), Leeds v Reading London Weish v Liverpool St Haltens (2:30); Morley v Worcester; Northing-ram v Rugby; Rossin Park v Otiey (2:30), Wharledale v Newbury (2:15). Second divisition north: Hinckley v Bermingflem/Soll-half (2:30); Lichtelid v Weissell (2:30); Nunearon v Sheffield (2:30); Sandal v Aspatha (2:15), Sadgley Park v Preston Gresshoppers (2:75). Sorubridge v Manchedier (2:30), Winnington Park v Kendal (2:30); Second division soller v Tabard (2:30); Henley v Plymouth (2:30), Metropotien Police v Barking; North Wolsham v Bindgwater (2:30); Redruth v Cinton (2:30), Weston-super-Mars v Hav-ant. EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg: Chekses (2) v Tiomso (3) (7 45)

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
FA CAPILING PREMIERSHP: Blackburn v
Everton Covernty v Newcastle; Crystal
Palace v Aston Vilor. Leeds v Derby,
Liverpool v Torienham, Shefheld Wednesday v Botton, Studiesmpton v Bernstey,
NATIONAVIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Bermingram v Norman, Bury v Portsmouth;
**Crewe v Oxford United: Middlesbrough v
Careers Par. Rangers, Reading v Stociport Sole v Wolverhampton, Sunderland v
Notingham Forest; Swindon v Bradford;
Trammers v Port Vale; Vilest Brommer v
Chartion Second division: Blackpool v
Burnley, Brentlord v Birstol City, Bristol
Rovers v Fulliam, Chesterfield v Grintsby,
Lution v Presson, Milwall v Carliste, Oldhem
v Gillingham; Plymouth v Bournemouth;
Southend v Wigan: Welsall v Westord;
Weetham v Northampton, York v Wycombe.
Third division: Bland v Denastler, Bighton v Rotherham, Capilli v Torquey, Hull v
Shrewsbury, Leyton Onent v Desser;
Maccleshala v Caribridge United; Mansfield v Scarborough, Nods Courty v Esser;
Peterborough v Darlington, Rochislo v
Colchester; Sourthorpe v Hardepool,
Swansee v Linzoln,
VALDHALL CONFERENCE: Doser v
Hayes: Galeshead v Heerledort; Hallau v
Addictionmenter: Herelood v Yeovil; Kerlismy

FA CARLING PREMIERSHEP: Arsenal v Manchester United (4 0): Chelsea v West Ham (3 0). NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: (pswich v Sheffield United († 0) BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premie division: Dundee United v Aberdoen (3 0) ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Northempton v Saracens (1 0): Sale v Bristol (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiger Lneguer: Lerceter Ruder: v Manchester Guants (6:0), Bullets Barmingham v Worthing Bears (6:30); Tharnes Valley Tigers v Sheffield Sharics (6:0). Experiesguer: Ayr Scottshi Epgles v Sheffield Steelers (6:30); Brackhall Bees v Newcastle Cobras (6:0); Cardiff Devise v Manchester Storm (6:0). RACUNG: Samdown Perk (1:0). Wanneck (12:40): Weitherby (12:50). SWIMMRRG: Nasconal diving champion-shaps (et Ponde Forge).

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLAND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blocsomfield 2 Coverny and North Warkack 2. Edigbasion 5 North Station 1 North 2416 3 Hampton in Arden 1, North Parts 0 Hamborne 2, Northgham 9 Blockach 0, Olton and West Warkach 2 Northampton Statis 1

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Buelrarts 1 Hampstead 3, Bourmylle 1 Loughborough Students 1 Bronnier 2 Stourport 0: Chemistord 4 Lewis 4: Firebrands 1 Harrisston Maggies 1; Hull 1 Gloucester City 2, Indian Gymidhana 1 Isca 3, Oxford Hawkis 3 Warmigfon 1: Oxford Univ 0 St Albans 0; Surbino 2 Havarri 2.

Surbiton Haveni Brooklands Bournalie Chelmsford Indian Gym Bromley Stourpori Hull Gloucester Hampstead Harlesion M Blueharls

sca L'borough St St Albans Frebrands Sheffield Warnington Lewes Oxford Hawks

Oxford Univ HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Third HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Third round: Busharts 1 Cambridge City 4. Bournemouth 5 Beckenham 4, Bournvillo O Sheffield 1, Bridgnorth 0 (pswsch 5: Brooklands 3 Peterborough 4, Eastcale 2 Bromley 3; Hampstead 2 Gloucester City 1. Hampston in Arden 2 Hampstea 3. Harleston Magpies 5 Neston 1: Havant 0 Surbition 1: Isoa 1 Fareham 2. Nordon 4 Wartnigton 0: Old Crankletprans 2 City Of Content and 1: 10 Mile Committee 15 Althouts Walmigton b; Dio Cramelgas 2 City Portsmouth 1, Old Georgians 1 St. Albana, 8; Ramgarhia f.Leeds) 7 Spaiding 8, Robinsons 3 Chelmslord 2; Slourport 11 De Monitor Univ 2, Tropans 1 Chibbesler 5. West Heris 2 Cydord Hawks 4, Winchesler 2 Nath Whender 1

3 High Wycombe 1

EUROSPORT AND LEISURE SOUTH
LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians 1
Pulley 1; Beckertham 2 High Wycombe 3;
Boumernouth 3 Turbindop Wells 3: City Of
Protstrouth 2 Wimbledon 0: Fareham 0
Wolang 1. Gone Cour 1 Eastacte 4. Henne
Bay 0 Old Whitghilans 0; Mexidenhead 2
Trojans 0: Richmond 1 Chacheste 1.
Wincheste 8 Ramgarhas 5 Middly
Berkufflucks and O'ron: Amerikam 1
Staines 3, Brachnell 1 Surbury 2: City Of
Oddord 0 Richmaps Park 4. Gerrards. Cross 0
P H C Chiswick 5, Hayes 4 Million Keynes
3. Hendon 1 Ashford 3, Old Kingstonians 3
Newbury 0, Phoehis 4 Marlow 1, West
Hampstead 2 Lions 1 Kent/Sussesc Brighton 1 Bedey Invicte 1; Burn Ash 2 Ashford
3; Eastbourne 2 Marden Russels 3, Lloyd
Bank D B H C 5, Mol Sussex 4 Horsham
2. Newhaven 1 Blackheath 12: Old
Williamsonans 0 Cid Holcombelans 0;
Sevencals 1 Old Bordenians 2, Tutise Hill 1
Mcddelon-Bognor 0; Worthing 2 Folkestone 2 Hampeline: Barnes 1 Odded 0;
Camberley 3 Goan 1; Epsom 2 Old
Cranleophans 3, Hesiemere 1 London Univ
3, Old Mid Whitghitans 8 Andower 3, Old
Watcourthers 2 Durkich 0; Old Georgians
7 Blanchlord 5: Oesholf 0 Beangstoke 2;
Portsmouth 5 Cheam 1: Spencer P
Petersfield P
ADNAMS HOCKEY EAST LEASUE: Pre-

ADNAMS HOCKEY EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bishops: Stortlord 5
Sudbury 1, Cambridge Cby 2 Colchester 1,
Cambridge Univ 9 (Ecotion 1, Crostly 5
Lution Town 2, Ipsavich 3 Peterborough Tin
2 Premier division & Beddard 6 St Vies 3,
Bury St Edmunds 2 West Horts 2; Devetrain
4 Redundge and Biod 4, O Southendam
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Norwich City 2

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Premier League Durham University 1 Norton 3, Formby : Durtem University 1 Nonco 3, Formby 2 Timpericy 1, Neston 1 Ben Rhydding 0, Southport 1 Sheffield Bankers 3, Swalwell 1 Harrogate 5, Wigan 2 Chester 1

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CRICKET

Pakistan Golden Jubilee tournament West Indies v Sri Lanka LAHORE (Sri Lanka won loss). Sri Lanka Deat Weet Indies by Geven wickets

WEST INDES WEST INVUISION

C Williams c Renaturiga b Vass ...
Chanderpaul low b P A de Sava ...
C Lará b Jeyasuriya
L Hooper c I. de Silva b S C de Silva
V Sammons c Muralitharan b Veas
E L Ambrose not out
A Rose run out
C Holder run out
Williams b S C de Silva
Lintars (lib S. w 4 . ib d 4) odras(155,w4.nb4). Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) . R N Lews and "C A Walsh did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS 1-16, 2-98, 3-172, 4-221, 5-228, 6-229, 7-232, 8-237.

BOWLING Vaes 10-0-35-2; S.C. de Silva (0-2-31-2; Dharmesene 10-0-55-0; Mag-Interen 6-0-46-0; Jeyasunya 8-0-33-1; P.A. de Silva 6-0-32-1 sri lanka S T Jayasunya e Lewis b Hooper M S Ataputtu e Hooper b Walsh R S Mahanama not out P A de Silva o Chanderpaul o Rose *A Renatunge not out Extras (to 4, w 9, no 8)

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53. J Mehor St): I J Harvey 4-27, and 123-1
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Jords 151 not out; P R Retriet 60, Hobart
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out, M.J. Divisrudo 87); Western Australia
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Service 1 (1998) WELLINGTON: Max international match: England 115-7 and 69-7, New Zealand 89 (P A J Defreillas 5-38) and 98-0

South Africa v Pakistan LAHORE (Pakistan won toss). South Alnca beat Pakistan by nine runs SOUTH AFRICA

C Hudson low b Wasim D. J. Cullinan run out S M Pollock c Ipaz b Saqlam (O J Richardson not out P L Symcox b Wasim Excras∩b9, ⊯8, nb1)

Total (48 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-94, 3-192, 4-221, 5-241, 6-254, 7-264, 8-269, 9-271. BOWLING Wissim Akrem 8-0-33-4; Waqer Younis, 10-0-59-0, Saglain Mushtaq 9-1-34-3; Azher Mahmood 7-0-57-1, Aemir Sohail 4-0-23-0 Shahid Afridi 10-0-56-0.

PAKISTAN Saect Anwar c kirsten b Politock Shahid Afnol b Politock Aamir Sohail Ibw b Politock Ijaz Armad Ibw b Politock inzamam-ul-Haq b Cronje . . †Moin Khan Ibw b de Villers Extras (65 4, w 8)

Total (9 wkts. 50 overs) ... FALL OF WICKETS, 1-0, 2-0, 3-0, 4-9, 5-142, 6-152, 7-180, 8-206, 9-247. BOWLING: Pollock 10-2-49-4; De Vilners 10-1-49-1, Donald 10-1-34-1; Crome 8-0-38-1: klusener 8-0-50-1: Symcox 4-0-28-1 Man of the march: S M Poliock. Umpros S Durme (New Zealand) and IT Robinson (Zimbabwe) Third umplie: Javed Akhter (Pakistan

Match referee: Ahmed Ebrahim (Zimbehwe) TODAY'S MATCH, West Indice v South

NEWCASTLE, Australia: Tour match (thed day of four) New South Wales 469-6 dec (M G. Bevan 143, M. J. Slater 137): New Zealanders 214 (C.D. McMillan 52) and 82-3.

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CLUB MATCH: Cambridge University

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Cup: London Towers v Happel Eller (Ist) (8 0). ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Notingham Parthers v Bracknet Bees (7 30). RACING: Replear (1 30); Esser (1 20). Warwick (1 40).

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LEAGUE: Group A: Bonasse Dortmund v
Parma (7 45), Galatacardy v Sperta Prague
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(7 45), Enventus v FC Koetce (7 45)
Group C: Barcallona v Dynamo Kev (7 45), Group
D: FC Porto v Rosenberg (7 45)
Gympaisias FC v Real Medina (7 45)
Group E: FK Gotherburg v Besilitas (7 45)
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Group F: Beyer Leverlussan v Sporting
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Trial with anonymous jury is valid

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill.

Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Potts and Mr Justice Butterfield Judgment October 28 There was no objection to the

withholding of jurors' names if it was thought desirable to do so in order to prevent a jury being "nobbled", provided that the defendant's right of challenge was

Where, therefore, jurors were called to the jury box by numbers allocated to them by the court clerk, rather than by name, but without any infringement of the defendant's right of challenge, he suffered no violation of his common law or statutory rights.

Wherever possible applications by the Crown for jury protection should take place in the presence of the defence and be supported by reasons and by evidence which was open to cross-examination. Any departure from that course should be fully considered and only sanctioned where the judge was satisfied that it was necessary

and would not render the trial process other than completely fair The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by Thomas Comerford against his conviction of attempting to possess

cocaine with intent to supply following trial at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court by Judge Blacksell, QC and a jury. On the morning following the commencement of the defendant's trial, the Crown made a public interest immunity application to the trial judge in chambers in the presence only of prosecuting coun-Excise officials. The judge heard sworn evidence from one of the

officials and there was a discussion On the resumption of the trial the judge, without any prior indication to the defence, discharged the jury without giving reasons for doing so; the Crown then applied, in the presence of the defence, for police protection for the fresh jury. giving no reasons and calling no

The defence opposed the application, but the judge directed that protection be given at the highest level. He further ruled that the jurors should be called by numbers, which were allocated to each of them by the court clerk. They not being announced in open court. No challenges were made and the jury was sworn.

Subsequently the judge gave written reasons for his decisions which were read by the Court of Appeal on the defendant's appeal. Mr Jonathan Goldberg, QC and Mr Peter Lodder, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the defendant; Mr Simon Draycott

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that, although intimidation or bribery of jurors was fortunately unusual cases did arise where a defendant or his friends or assothe outcome of the trial sought to influence the jury's verdict by unlawful means. Such activities had earned the colloquial description of "jury nobbling".

Where an attempt to nobble a jury was apprehended, the response which the courts had adopted was to afford individual jurors such level of protection as was judged necessary to protect them against any unlawful approach or communication. whether intimidatory or corrupt But that carried its own dangers. Despite judicial warnings that it was not to cause jurors to draw any inference adverse to the defendant, he might fear that some jurors might be tempted to view with disfavour an accused person themselves thought likely to act in

Alternatively, a juror who appreciated that protection had been given for his own safety might be inclined to acquit to reduce any risk of personal mischief to

Those dangers would deter a judge from ordering high level protection unless convinced that there was otherwise a real and present danger of nobbling. Application for protection would be made by the prosecutor when-ever possible in the presence of the defence with reasons and evidence, open to cross-examination, in

support.
That represented an ideal which could not always be achieved in practice. But any departure from the ideal had to be fully considered and should not be sanctioned unless the trial judge was satisfie that it was necessary and would not render the trial process other than completely fair to the

It was axiomatic that no matter what the exigencies of any case no procedural application should be granted which might in any way jeopardise the fairness of the outcome of the trial. That consideration was paramount: if a defen-dant could not be fairly tried, he was not to be tried at all.

The courts' practice was to warn the jury clearly, as was done in the present case, that they were not in any way to hold it against the defendant that protective mea-sures had been taken. As in any other case, they had to decide the case on the evidence

they heard in court and nothing else: there was no reason to doubt attention to the warning given.

It was plainly highly desirable that all possible information should be disclosed to the defence

place openly in the presence of the defence. Any ex parte communicatrial judge gave rise to a feeling of unease and should be kept to a

was presented with apparently reliable sworn evidence which obliged him to discharge the first jury and fully justified his decision to order the protection of the fresh

The defence would surely have inferred that the first jury were thought likely to have been nob-bled, even if they knew nothing of the grounds for such belief. On the question whether the omission to name the jurors in open court rendered the trial a

nullity his Lordship referred to the standard procedure that had for many years been followed when empanelling a jury: that the clerk of the court invited members of the jury in waiting to answer to their names and then called out the name of each juror selected by ballot before explaining that any challenge was to be made after the names of the selected jurors had Plainly the procedure here was a

departure from that standard practice, but that of itself did not render the trial a nullity unless it violated the legal right of the defendant or made the proceedings unfair to him. The court rejected the sub-

mission that section 12(3) of the Juries Act 1974 contained a mandatory requirement that names be No doubt the draftsman as-

would be followed. But the pur-pose of section 12(3) was to define the time at which the challenge was to be made rather than to require the public announcement of jurors' names. While accepting that section 12(6) preserved a defendant's right to challenge the array the court could not see that

that right was in any way infringed.

An effective challenge to the array would require exercise of the facilities guaranteed by section 5(2) which entitled a defendant to reasonable facilities for inspecting the panel from which the jurors

who tried him were or would be

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Here no irregularity was in-volved. If the defendant had been denied an effective opportunity to exercise his right of challenge he would be entitled to have his conviction quashed and a venire de novo ordered.

it was however clear that the trial judge intended to preserve the defendant's right of challenge. It might be that he was told that no such right would be exercised: but even if he were not, it was not the dant's contention that any right of challenge would have been exercised had the names of the jurors been called aloud in open Had the defendant's decision to

exercise his right of challenge depended on knowing the names of the jurors he could have exercised his right to ascertain the names of all the jurors forming the relevant panel and without doubt the judge would have been willing to hear and if necessary rule or any challenge made after inspecting the names of the panel. There had here been no violation

of the defendant's common law or statutory rights.
It was highly desirable that in normal circumstances the usual procedure for empanelling a jury

hould be followed.

But if, to thwart the nefarious designs of those suspected of seeking to nobble a jury, it was reasonably thought to be desirable to withhold jurors' names there was no objection to that course provided the defendant's right of challenge was preserved. Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs

Prejudice not required in dismissing damages inquiry

Barratt Manchester Ltd v Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council and Another Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Millett and Sir Brian Neill Reasons October 161

An application to dismiss an inquiry as to damages under a cross-undertaking for want of prosecution need not show prej-udice to succeed. While prejudice was relevant, the principles to be applied to the discharge of the cross-undertaking for failure to prosecute the inquiry promptly and with reasonable diligence were the same as those applied to the grant or refusal of the inquiry

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reasons for dismissing on July 31, 1997 an appeal by the Attorney-General from the dismissal by Judge Gilliland, QC. on August 12, 1996 of an applicarion to strike out an inquiry as to damages for want of prosecution or as an abuse of the process of the The Attorney-General had made

a cross-undertaking in damages pending his appeal against a decision that a class D(ii) land charge over land in Bolton to be vacated to allow Barratt Manchester Ltd to develop the site for housing. The appeal was unsuccessful and an inquiry into damages was agreed.
Mr A. W. H. Charles and Mr Digby Jess for the Attorney-Gen-eral; Mr Peter Smith, QC and Mr

Andrew Singer for Barratt LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the appeal was oncerned solely with the element of

The question of principle In Birkett v James (1978) AC 318) Lord Diplock described the approach the court should adopt when considering an application want of prosecution.

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to all kinds of proceedings, however commenced and whether the court was asked to dismiss them under its inherent jurisdiction or under an express rule of court. An inquiry as to damages under

a cross-undertaking, however, possessed a number of special features. The cross-undertaking in question was given to the court, not to the party opposite, and might be enforced or discharged by the court in its discretion.

In conducting such an inquiry and ascertaining the amount of the loss suffered by the plaintiff which was covered by the defendant's cross-undertaking, the court was not engaged in determining the legal rights of the parties.

The discharge of the defendant's cross-undertaking did not deprive the plaintiff of his legal right to damages, for he had none. It might expose him to irrecoverable loss in

consequence of an earlier order of

the court, and that might seem to

unfairness was dispelled by the reflection that the plaintiff had been afforded an opportunity to recover his loss and had failed to take it by proceeding with reason-

The same principles ought to apply to the discharge of the cross-undertaking for failure to prosecute the inquiry as applied to the grant or refusal of the inquiry in the first place. The enforcement of the cross-

undertaking should be regarded as being conditional on the inquiry being applied for promptly and prosecuted with reasonable dili-gence. That would allow for a sirable degree of flexibility. Just as the court could decline to

enforce the cross-undertaking if the plaintiff did not apply to enforce it with reasonable promptitude, so it ought to be willing to discharge it where the plaintiff did The principles applied generally be unfair; but any appearance of diligence.

presence or absence of prejudice to the defendant was irrelevant. Its presence would always be highly material. Where the delay had dismiss the inquiry and discharge the cross-undertaking. But the greater the delay, the less the need to establish prejudice; and the court should not hesitate to dis-

prejudice to the other party. Accordingly, his Lordship was of the opinion that the judge was in error in concluding that the Attor-ney-General's inability to demonstrate that Barratt's delays had

exercise its discretion which ought to be exercised in favour of allowing the inquiry to proceed. Sir Brian Neill delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Kennedy agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Field Cunningham & Co.

That was not to say that the occasioned significant prejudice, it would almost always be right to

charge the cross-undertaking and dismiss the inquiry where there delay even though it could not be shown to have occasioned any

occasioned him prejudice or made. a fair trial of the inquiry impos-sible was fatal to his application. The court therefore was free to

Evidence of theorem recipe for confusion

Regina v Adams (No 2) Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Posts and Mr Justice Butterfield Undernent October 161

While there could be no possible objection to the prosecution presenting DNA evidence based as it was on statistical data, reliance on evidence of the Bayes Theorem in relation to non-scientific evidence was a recipe for confusion. misunderstanding and misjudg-ment. Accordingly, in such cases, in the absence of special features, Bayesian evidence should not be

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by Denis Adams against his conviction of Adams against his conviction of rape following a retrial at the Central Criminal Court before Judge Pownall, QC, and a jury. In January 1994 Adams had been convicted of rape following a state of the conviction trial in which the prosecution case had rested entirely on expert evidence in relation to the DNA sample obtained from semen on a

high vaginal swab taken from the In April 1996 the Court of Appeal had guashed the conviction on the ground that the trial judge's directions to the jury on the Bayes Theorem evidence, introduced by the defence, had left them without adequate guidance as to how to evaluate the DNA evidence in the light of the non-DNA evidence and

had ordered a retrial (The Times May 9, 1996; [1996] 2 Cr App R Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC and Mr Marc Brittain, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Adams; Mr Orlando Pownall and Miss Susan Tapping for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE referred to the Crown case, which as at the first trial again rested solely on the DNA evidence that the profile from the vaginal swab matched that of the defendant's blood sample and reviewed the statistical evidence of the random occurrence ratio of that match which had been the subject of criticism and close challenge by the defence and their expert wit-

ness, Professor Donnelly. His Lordship said that that was exactly the sort of evidence and cross-examination which was to be found in the cases. The findings of consideration and evaluation by the defence and they had had an opportunity to make such criticisms as they thought fit. All those matters were before the jury and a proper subject for their

However, there had been a further, and for present purposes, important dimension to Professor Donnelly's evidence. That had related to his explanation and application of the Bayes Theorem to which in the course of the re-trial the defence had again invited the jury to pay attention

That was a method by which non-DNA evidence could in Professor Donnelly's opinion be expressed in terms of mathematical probability and so could more readily be applied to the DNA figures so as to reduce the probabilities if the jury judged it

appropriate.

He had given a long and detailed explanation of how the theorem operated and had introduced the jury in considerable detail to a questionnaire which had been prepared to enable them to make the appropriate calculations. That document bore on it its own instructions for use, which Professor Donnelly amplified to the jury. In view of that detailed explana-

tion the court rejected Mr Thwaites submission that the judge should have directed the jury fully and not encouraged them to apply their common sense in approach described by Professor

Mr Thwaites had also submitted that the Bayesian approach was logically sound and approved by expert opinion. The court would not wish to take issue with that statement so long as it was applied to appropriate subject matter by persons competent to apply it.

There was no reason to doubt, as was stated by a number of highly authoritative experts, that it was a sound and reliable methodological approach in some circumstant The court had, however, the gravest reservations about its use n jury trials. Mr Thwaites had submitted that

the prosecution should not be allowed to adduce statistical evidence regarding the random occurrence ratio of a DNA match to show how such figures could be reduced in giving effect to the probabilities attached to non-scientific, non-DNA evidence.

In the court's view there could be no possible objection in principle to the leading of DNA evidence by the Crown, based as it was on empirical statistical data, the data and the deductions drawn from it being available for the defence to criticise and challenge.

The court referred to the strong criticism of the use of Bayes Theorem evidence in such cases, made by the Court of Appeal on the appeal following the first trial (see R v Adams (The Times May 9, 1996; [1996] 2 Cr App R 467, 480-482), and endorsed by the court in

4821, and endorsed by the court in R v Doheny and Adams [1997] I Cr App R 369, 3749.

In the light of those previous rulings and having had the opportunity of considering the evidence, the court regarded reliance on evidence of that kind in such cases as a regime for confusion. such cases as a recipe for confu sion, misunderstanding and misjudgment, possibly among counsel, probably among judges and almost certainly among

The present case was properly to be approached by the jury along conventional lines. It was for the jury how they set about their task and it was no part of the Court o Appeal's function to prescribe the course which their deliberations should take. It was the sort of task which

juries performed every day carefully and conscientiously, on the evidence, as they were sworn to do. They would not be assisted in their task by reference to a complex approach which they were unlikely to understand fully and even more milkely to apply accurately, which the court judged to be likely to confuse them and distract them from their consideration of the real questions on which they should seek to reach a unanimous

The court was clearly of opinion that in cases such as the present, lacking special features absent here, expert evidence should not be admitted to include juries to attach mathematical values to probabilities arising from non-scientific evidence adduced at the trial. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Power to seek removal of liquidator

In re Sutton (Removal of in the respondent's firm, Baker liquidator)

The court's jurisdiction to remove a liquidator was not dependent on the application for its exercise being made by the liquidator ncerned, or by a crec insolvency. A partner in the liq-uidator's firm had locus standi, where that firm had day-to-day conduct of the insolvency matters

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in the Chancery Division in a reserved judgment on October 17. granting the application of, inter alia, Mr Steven Quinn, a partner

Tilley, who held joint appoint-ments in respect of a number of corporate insolvencies with the respondent, Mr Alan Sutton, for orders removing Mr Sutton as liquidator, administrator, trustee or supervisor of all of the insolvency matters for which he was solely or jointly responsible and replacing him where necessary. HIS LORDSHIP went on to

consider whether in the light of In re Sankey Furniture Ltd., Ex parte Harding (1995) 2 BCLC 594), it was appropriate for the court to exercise its jurisdiction on the ground that the respondent had

ceased to become a partner in the the relevant files or necessary resources to enable him easily to was properly a matter for the

His Lordship concluded that since that state of affairs made it impractical for the respondent to carry out his duties, his case was clearly distinguishable from that of Mr Harding in Sankey, and the orders sought would be granted to avoid calling creditors meetings in the many insolvency matters and the expenditure of thousands of

Scots Law Report November 3 1997 Inner House

Assessing pupil capacity of school

King v East Ayrshlre Council Before the Lord President (Lord Rodger of Earlsferry), Lord Sutherland and Lord Macfadyen (Judgment July 17)

When considering whether to refer a proposed school closure to the secretary of state pursuant to section 22B of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, inserted by the Education (Scotland) Act 1981, an education authority was not obliged to approach the interpretation of the term "pupil capacity" in the Education (Publication and Consultation) (Scotland) Regula-tions (ST 1981 No 1558), as amended by (ST 1987 No 2076) and (ST 1988 No 107), by reference to a contem-porary assessment of the number of pupils which a school could take

at the particular time the assessment was made Where a court was satisfied that an administrative body had erred in law in reaching its decision, the court was not bound to set aside

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing a reclaiming motion by Alyson Catherine King against a decision by the Lady Ordinary dismissing the petitioner's application for judicial review of a decision by East Ayrshire Council to discontinue St Paul's Primary School in Ayrshire.

Miss Jacqueline Williamson for petitioner, Mr Richard Keen, OC and Mr lain Miller for the

THE LORD PRESIDENT said that on June 28, 1996 the courneil closed St Paul's Primary School in Hurlford. The mother of two children at the school sought judicial review of that decision. The issue was whether, once it had adopted the proposal to discontinue St Paul's, the council had been obliged to refer the proposal to the secretary of state for his consent under section 22B of the

1980 Act, as inserted.

Regulation 9 of and Schedule 2 to the 1981 Regulations, as amended, provided that for the purposes of section 22B the kinds of proposals which an education authority could not implement without the consent of the sec-retary of state included: "... pro-posals to discontinue any school or any stage of school education in any school or to change the site of any school or to vary the delin-eated area of any school, where the number of pupils in attendance at any such school is greater than 80 per cent of the school's pupil capacity, and in the calculation of case.

that pupil capacity regard shall be had to — (i) the assessment of capacity on which the education authority have based their pro-posal; (ii) the maximum number of pupils in attendance at the school in any one year in the 10 years preceding the proposal; and (iii) the curriculum of the school."

The approach which the council applied to the calculation of the pupil capacity of St Paul's derived from a circular which distin-guished between "planning capac-ity" and "working capacity".

Planning capacity was hased on the number of rooms in the school, the number of pupils who could be accommodated in the rooms and maximum permissible class size. Working capacity was ob-tained by adjusting the planning capacity to take account of isational needs of the school and that could therefore vary from

In accordance with the circular, the respondents had used the planning capacity to calculate the pupil capacity of St Paul's for the purposes of the 80 per cent rule. There were four classrooms. The planning capacity method brought out a figure for the pupil capacity of 172. The petitioner argued that the council should have used the working capacity. If it had done so, the equivalent figure would have

The council accepted that with the number of teachers who were relevant date, the working capacity was 100 since there were four composite classes and the maxi-mum permitted number of pupils in a composite class taught by one teacher was 25. The number of pupils attending the school was 81. The petitioner's argument was that if the working capacity figure

been 100 pupils.

had been used, then the number of pupils in attendance at the time would have exceeded 80 per cent of the pupil capacity of the school. On that basis the council would have been required to refer the proposal to the secretary of state. His Lordship said that although Parliament had left the term "pupil

capacity" undefined, it had at least given an indication of certain factors to which an education authority was to have regard in calculating a school's capacity for the purposes of the 80 per cent rule. While Parliament directed atten-tion to those factors, the education authority was left free to decide for itself what weight, if any, it wished to attach to them in any particular

What the education authority was required to so was to deter school. It was not given any instructions as to how it was to go about that other than being told that it had to consider the three factors. Having done so, it was free to reject all or any of them or to give whatever weight it thought appropriate to all or any of them. His Lordship found that the fatal objection to the petitioner's approach came with the second factor to which the education

in any one year in the 10 years preceding the proposal. It was impossible to see how any attendance figure for the previous 10 years could form part of the calculation of the school's working

authority was to have regard. That was the maximum number of pupils in attendance at the school

was irrelevant to the calculation of working capacity which was de-signed to produce, not a historic picture, but rather a contemporary assessment of the number of pupils which a school could take at the particular time to which the assessment related.

Parliament had therefore re-quired education authorities to have regard to a material have regard to a matter which would be irrelevant to a school's working capacity. The fact that in calculating the pupil capacity of a school, the authority required to have regard to its historic attendance figures showed conclusively that a school's "pupil capacity" for those numbers was not swants. those purposes was not synonymous with its working capacity.

interpretation of factor (ii) His Lordship said that another issue came into focus during the course of the hearing. It formed no part of the averments in the petition for judicial review. Nor was it to be found in the petitioner's grounds of appeal.

Whether because of the urgency with which the amendment to the 1981 Regulations was effected or because of some other factor, paragraph (c) of Schedule 2 to the Regulations was not a model of clarity. The most problematic aspect was factor fill.

The council was to have regard to the historic attendance figures. not for the purpose of calculating the relevant number of pupils in attendance, but for the purpose of calculating the pupil capacity of the school.

should have regard to the historic attendance figures in calculating the number of pupils in attendance.

Because of that, there was a risk that the terms of the Schedule would be misapplied. There were signs that that had happened in the present case. The council accepted that, if it had used the historic attendance

figure in for the purpose of calculating the number of pupils in attendance it had been in error and had falled to have regard to one of the pupil capacity of the school.

The petitioner submitted in her reply that since the council had erred in that respect the court should reduce the decision not to refer the proposal to the secretary of state and remit the matter to the

the proposal required to be re-ferred to the secretary of state. His Lordship said that even where a court was satisfied that an administrative body had erred in law in reaching its decision, the court was not bound to reduce that

ouncil to consider afresh whether

As Lord Halisham had pointed out in London and Clydeside Estates Ltd v Aberdeen District Council ([1980] | WLR 182) the jurisdiction to grant decree of reduction of administrative decisions was inherently dis-

Here the petitioner asked the court to reduce the council's decision on a basis which would have been open to her from the outset. but which she did not advance then, preferring instead to use a nt argument to attack its

position.

Judicial review was a flexible procedure and the court could take account of new matters and grant different remedies from those which were originally sought. In an appropriate case that could be done even at a late stage, but in deciding whether to grant a remedy on a different basis the court should not lose sight of the wider interest in good administration. In that unusual situation, even though it appeared likely the council failed to have regard to the

historic attendance figures when calculating the school's pupil capacity, his Lordship was satisfied that the court should not reduce its decision. The reclaiming motion was

accordingly refused. It was hard to see why an Law agents: Erskine MacAskill education authority should do & Co for Ferguson & Foster, what Parliament had said what it Simpson & Marwick, WS.



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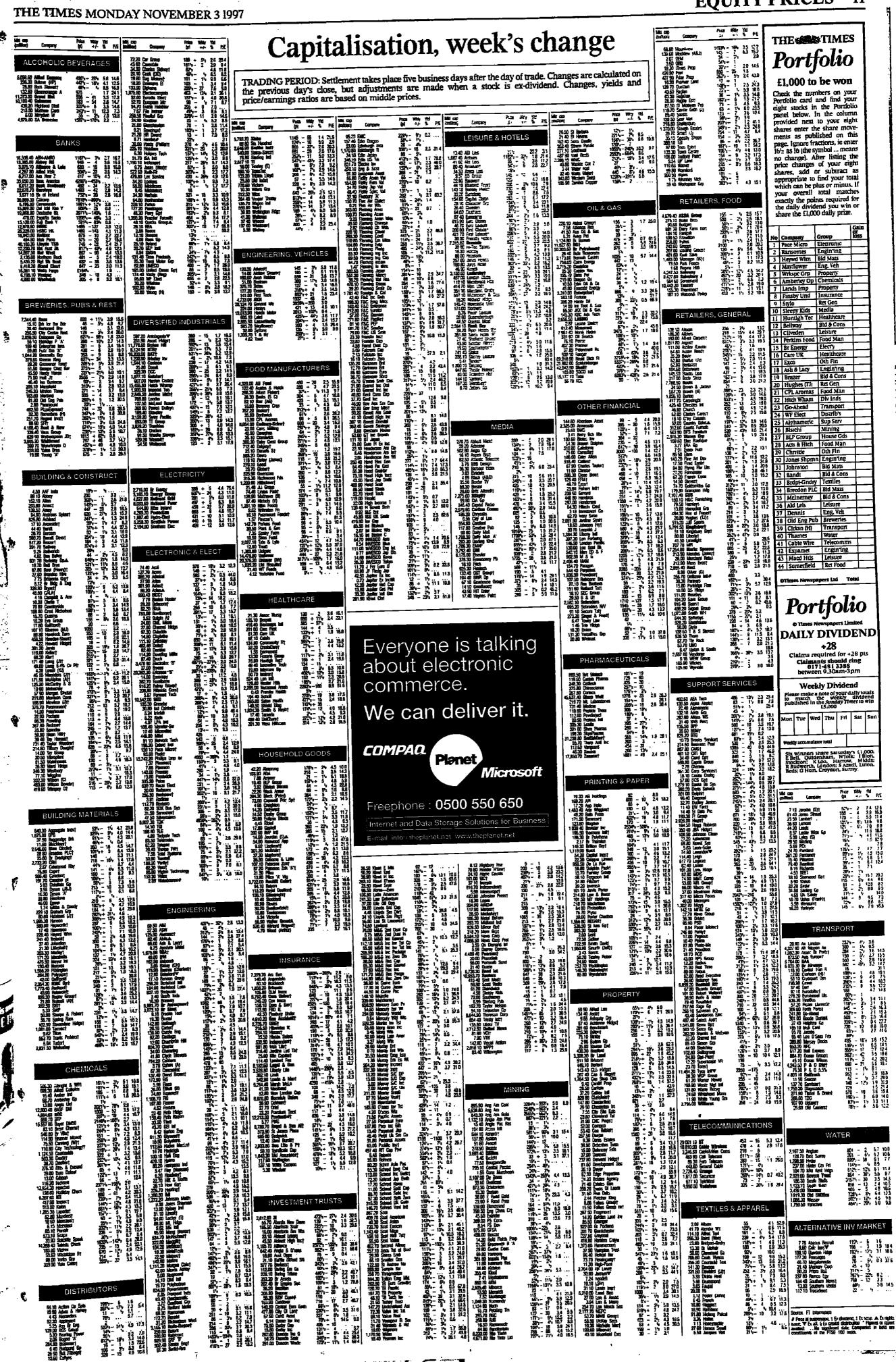
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DANKA BUSINESS SYSTEMS PLC RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997

Danka Business Systems PLC ("Danka" or "the Group") is pleased to announce its half year and second quarter results to 30th September 1997.

Financial Results

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Turnover in the half year increased 91% to a record £1.02 billion compared to £534.4 million last year, while operating profits increased 45% to £62.5 million (1996: £43.3 million). Pre-tax profits rose 21% to £43.0 million from £35.6 million in the same period last year. After tax, at an effective rate of 29.0% for the 1997 interim, earnings per share increased 19% to 13.5p from 11.3p a year ago. Turnover in the second quarter increased 87% to £506.9 million from last year's £270.7 million, while operating profits rose 40% to a record £31.5 million from £22.5 million last year. Pre-tax profits for the second quarter rose 23% to a record £22.2 million (1996: £18.1 million), while earnings per share increased 22% to 6.9p from 5.7p a year ago. The Group's results for the second quarter and half year to 30th September 1997 were adversely affected by the strength of the UK pound. Had the value of the UK pound remained unchanged from a year ago, the Group's profit after-tax for the half year would have been £32.3 million or 14.2p per share.

The second quarter and half year results for 30th September 1996 are before an exceptional item of £1.3 million that the Group realised for the acquisition of the Infotec Group in late 1995.

The Group's operating profit margins continue to improve due to certain cost savings Danka is beginning to realise as the integration of the businesses progresses. Since 31st December 1996, the date of the Office Imaging acquisition, the Group has reduced its workforce by over 6% and continues to refine the efficiencies of its operations. Danka Services International, the Group's outsourcing business, exceeded expectations during the second quarter and will continue to play an important role in the future, by helping companies migrate from an analogue environment to a digital, integrated

Recurring operating costs as a percentage of turnover have decreased significantly compared to the same period a year ago. The decline is due to several factors within the Group's operations, including the cost savings from the integration as well as the dynamics of the new organisation. The addition of high-volume equipment sales and service, and the growth in outsourcing, has positively impacted the Group on a consolidated basis. The operating costs required to support the high-volume and outsourcing operations are lower than Danka's traditional business.

Balance Sheet and Financing
In September, the Group received a cash refund from Eastman Kodak for the purchase price adjustment required under the Asset Purchase Agreement. As a result of this additional cash flow and the Group's strong operating cash flow during the second quarter, Danka was able to reduce the utilised debt under its credit agreement by over £87 million, to a balance at 30th September 1997 of approximately £465 million.

Integration of Office Products and Office Imaging
The Group took an important step last month when it announced the realignment and integration of its management structure with key individuals from both sides of the organisation. On a geographic basis, the organisation was split into two regions: Danka Americas and Danka International. These geographic regions are supported by Danka's areas of specialisation, which operate worldwide, including Operational Excellence. Finance & Planning and Markets & Strategy. Dan Doyle, Chief Executive, commented on the changes, "The implementation of the new organisational structure was a critical step in the integration process. This new structure will benefit Danka's sales and service quality, as well as its competitive position, by offering the customer a seamless global organisation with one face and one vision worldwide."

Overall, the Group is pleased with the progress it is making with the integration and the benefits it will yield, yet there remains some uncertainty surrounding the timing at which the benefits will arise. As Danka has progressed with the integration, the Group has developed more clarity on the associated costs. The Group currently estimates that the costs will be approximately £2-3 million more in each of the next two quarters due to the acceleration of its move to a single IT system. However, the Group remains optimistic that the timing of the expected benefits will offset these costs over the next two quarters. The Group also expects to realise additional benefits from these increased investments in fiscal 1999.

The largest undertaking of the integration is the development of a global IT infrastructure and the improvement of Danka's operational processes. To support these initiatives, the Group has been making significant investments in its information technology and operations infrastructures, including the use of various independent computer and process improvement consulting groups. The Group believes that these investments are an important element in successfully integrating the businesses and in providing a solid foundation for growth in the future. Danka's goal is to link the sales, and in the future and former element in the sales. service, billing and finance efforts electronically, which will allow the Group to better serve its customers as well as improve its employee communication and support.

Dividend

As a result of Danka's continued achievements, the Directors are recommending the payment of an interim dividend of 1.56p per Ordinary share (net), 20% higher than last year. The dividend will be payable on 21st January 1998 to shareholders whose names are shown on the Register on 12th December 1997. This represents the tenth consecutive year that Danka has increased its dividend.

Comments

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Dan Doyle commented on the quarter, "We are extremely pleased with the Group's performance and the dedication of our employees during the second quarter. In addition to strong revenue growth and continued improvement in operating margins, it was a quarter of organisational change for Danka. We took an important step in the integration of the Office Products and Office Imaging divisions by realigning the management and organisational structure in September. Although there remains a lot to accomplish, by integrating the sales and service networks of the Office Products and Office Imaging divisions, Danka will be able to better serve its customers with one face and one vision worldwide."

Group Profit and Loss Account For the Periods Ended 30th September 1997

	Second quart	er ended 30th September 1996	Six mouths 1997	ended 30th September 1996	Year ended 31st March 1997
Note	£°000 (Unaudited		£'009 (Unaudited)	£'000 (Unsudited)	£ 000 (Audited)
Turnover Cost of sales	2 596,930 (317,465		1,922,301 (638,442)	534,392 (321,854)	1,323,995 (807,640)
Gross profit	2 189,465	108,169	383,859	212,538	516,355
Operating costs - Recurring - Exceptional - Research and development costs	(150,262 - (7,695	(1,319)	(305,975) - (15,339)	(169,275) (1,319)	(411,872) (45,630) (7,877)
	(157,957	(87,006)	(321,314)	(170,594)	(465,379)
Operating profit	31,508	21,163	62,545	41.944	50,976
Net interest payable	(9,288	(4,407)	(19,536)	(7,709)	(22,000)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	22,226	16,756	43,609	34,235	28,976
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(6,144)	(4,859)	(12,473)	(9,928)	(8,405)
Profit for the period	15,776	11,897	30,536	24,307	20,571
Dividends paid and proposed	(3,546)	(2,939)	(3,546)	(2,939)	(5,965)
Retained profit for the financial period	12,230	8,958	26,990	21,368	14,606
Earnings per share Basic (after exceptional items) Adjustment for exceptional items	3 6.9p	5.3p 0.4p	13.5p	10.9p 0.4p	9.1p 17.0p
Adjusted earnings per share	6.9р	5.7p	13.5p	11.3p	26.1p
Dividends per share	1.56p	1.30p	1.56p	1.30p	2.60p
Average exchange rate £i =	\$1.625	\$1.554	\$1.630	\$1.539	\$1.587

Group Balance Sheet at 30th September 1997

	30th September 1997	31st March 1997
	£'000	£,000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited
Fixed assets		•
Tangible assets	239,549	242,484
Investment	234	1,420
	239,783	243,904
Current assets Stocks	720 507	225 252
Debtors	338,286	297,259
Investments	498,534	566,559
Cash at bank and in hand	28.486	1,907
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	865,306	908,732
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Bank and other loans	(49,730)	(20,624
Other creditors	(438,280)	(462.107
Net current assets	377,296	426,001
Total assets less current liabilities	617,079	669,905
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one	year	
Convertible subordinated loan notes	(12L,675)	(118,859
Bank and other loans	(428,589)	(518,831)
Other creditors	(16,126)	(14,618)
	(566,390)	(652,308
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(13,487)	(10,186
Net assets	37,202	7,411
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital	2,841	2,835
Share premium account	188,754	187.879
Other reserves	(332,441)	(334,084)
Profit and loss account	178,048	150,781
Shareholders' funds-equity	37,202	7,411
Closing exchange rate £1 =	\$1,612	\$1.645

Note: Debtors and other creditors due within one year in the March 1997 Balance Sheet have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

1 The financial information for the periods ended 30th September 1997 and 30th September 1996 is unaudited and does not constitute full accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The financial information for the year ended 31st March 1997 has been extracted from the full accounts for that year, which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The full accounts for that year have been given an unqualified andit report, which did not contain a statement under

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	Second quarter ended			Six months ended	Year ended
	30th Sept 1997	30th Sept 1996	30th Sept 1997	30th Sept 1996	31st March 1997
	£'000	£.000	£,000	£*000	£,000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unandited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
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Retail equipment sales	146,644	99,967	297,824	198,325	440,479
Retail supplies, maintenance and rental sales	322,113	135,414	647,523	263.318	731,943
Wholesale sales	38,173	35,296	76,954	72,749	151, <i>5</i> 73
	586,930	270,677	1,022,301	534,392	1,323,995
Gross profit					
Retail equipment sales	51,329	38,696	104,865	76,193	164.855
Retail supplies, maintenance and rental sales	1.30,682	63,293	264,086	123,476	323,734
Wholesale sales	7,454	6,180	14,908	12,869	27,766
	189,465	108,169	383.859	212,538	516,355

3 The calculations of the earnings per share are based on the profit on ordinary activities after taxation and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period. In order to provide a trend measure of underlying performance, Group profit on ordinary activities after taxation has been adjusted to exclude exceptional items and earnings per share recalculated, as detailed below:

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	2.000	1997 pence per share	Second qua	arter ended 30th Sept 1996 pence per share	£*600	1997 pence per share	Six mo	30th Sept 1996 pence per share	£.000	Year ended 31st March 1997 pence per share
Basic earnings	15,776	6.9	11,897	5.3	30,536	13.5	24,307	10.9	20,571	9.1
Exceptional charges arising to respect of: Restructuring of operations Early repayment of	-	-	936	0.4	-	-	936	0.4	37,735	16.8
debt	-	-	-	-	-		-	_	368	0.2
Adjusted earnings	15,776	6.9	12,833	5.7	30,536	13.5	25,243	11.3	58,674	26.1
Average number of ordinary shares in issue		227 ,182_577		226,065,182				223,726,400		225 (77)) 997

4 Copies of this report will be available from the Company's registered office at 33 Cavendish Square, London W1M ODE.

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TODAY

Interims: Blacks Leisure, Prow-ting. Finals: Associated British Foods, Stratagem. Economic statistics: October provisional MO money supplies MO money supply.

TOMORROW

Interims: Betterware, BP (q3), Cessis Inti, Dairy Crest Group, Thames Water, Powerscreen Inti, Northumbrian Fine Foods, Westbury, Securities Trust of Scotland, Marks & Spencer, Willis Corroon. Economic statisties: Halifax October house price survey, September consumer credit, October official reserves.

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THURSDAY

Interims: Boots, Etern, Mercury Asset Management, Royal Dutch Petroleum (o3), Royal & SunAlliance (o3), Shelf Trans-port (o3), Undervalued Assets Trust, Finals: MMT Computing, Kwik Save, J Smart Contractors. Economic statistics: Septem-ber new construction ber new construction order Bank interest rate decision.

FRIDAY interims: Cedardata, Unileve (q3), Wyndeham Press.

SUNDAY TIPS

Independent on Sunday: Buy Golden Rose Communications. The Observer: Buy British Steel, Pilkington. The Sunday Times: Buy Boots, Whitbread, Clubhaus, Cranswick. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Edge Properties, Racal

MAM takes bull market by the horns

COMPANIES

MAM: The rollercoaster performance of world stock markets should be put into perspective this week when Mercury Asset Management, Britain's biggest independent fund manager, unveils halfyear figures on Thursday.

Of course, top fund managers like Carol Galley can achieve results in bear markets as well as bull markets.

These figures cover the best months of the bull market and that fact should be clearly reflected in pre-tax profits of almost £90 million compared with £81.8 million for the same period last year. Earnings per share should also be up from 30.9p to 33.5p.
Investment markets were

buoyant in the six months to September, posting doubledigit returns in most cases and adding about 16 per cent to Mercury's funds under management since the end of March. A lot now depends on Mercury's ability to control rising costs in the second half. That said, there is scope for a 10 per cent increase in the

payout to lin.

MARKS & SPENCER: Halfyear figures tomorrow are likely to reveal the scars left by the bombing of the Arndale centre in Manchester in June last year. It is estimated by NatWest Markets, the broker, to have cost the group 1.1 per cent of sales progress in the first half.

NatWest is looking for pretax profits of £465 million (£431.5 million), while earnings per share should grow 11 per cent from 10.4p to 11.5p. Gross margins are likely to

remain under pressure and i seems unlikely that sales growth of about 8.4 per cent will have undershot cost increases. The dividend is set to rise 12 per cent to 3.7p.

BRITISH AIRWAYS: A sharp drop in profits is forecast when "the world's favourite airline" unveils half-vear numbers on Wednesday. A strong pound and the effects of industrial action by cabin staff will leave their mark. Profits at the pre-tax level for the second quarter are set to more than halve to £150 million. Industrial action will have cost £125 million with most of it

affecting the second quarter. Profits for the first six months will be down from £459 million to £273 million after a drop in both passenger numbers and load factors caused by the strike. Some recovery is expected in the second half. The dividend rises 12 per cent to 4.75p.

BOOTS: Brokers will have a

chance to assess what sort of impact the introduction of the Advantage Card has had on sales when the retailer unveils half-year numbers on Thursday. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £254 million, up 6 per cent on the £239 million achieved in the corresponding period. Earnings per share will have been boosted by the lower tax charge and the reduction in the number of shares in issue. They should come in at 19.4p, a rise of 13 per cent. The payout will be up 10 per cent from 6.2p to 6.8p.

BP: The oil group's strong run



Carol Galley, of MAM, will report profits that pre-date last week's rollercoaster markets

the time being at least. British Petroleum's third-quarter numbers tomorrow will show net income up 3 per cent at £670 million on the corresponding period last year, but down on the strong £740 million achieved in the second quarter of this year. A quarterly payout of 5.5p is scheduled.

appears to be at an end — for up 10 per cent on the 5p paid last time.

> SHELL: Third-quarter numbers on Thursday are expected to reveal further progress at Shell Transport & Trading despite a weaker oil price and the impact of currency devaluations in the Far East. Net income is expected to grow 5

per cent to £1.17 billion (£1.1 billion), helped by a solid performance from downstream activities and cost reductions. The final figure is struck before a £150 million charge

UNILEVER: Signs of economic revival in Europe should help to offset the im-

relating to currency factors.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK pact of higher restructuring charges of about £120 million. Even so, the going remains difficult, with pre-tax profits

set to show a small improve-

ment when third-quarter

numbers are published on

Friday. They are expected to come in at about £825 million

(£814 million). Earnings are

likely to show a decline of 10

per cent to 6p. A recovery in ice

cream sales should produce a

profit of £33 million, with

further benefits coming from

rationalisation moves. The net

dividend is likely to see a

marginal increase of about 4

unchanged at 30p. The strong

pound and the BSE crisis have

caused problems for the group, but the dividend is

expected to rise to 10.2p (9.5p).

THAMES WATER: Thames

resumes the dividend report-

ing season for the sector with

interim results tomorrow. Pre-

tax profits are likely to come in

at £210 million (£188 million).

There are unlikely to be any

surprises in the group's oper-

ating performance, although

brokers will be keen to assess

the performance of its unregu-

lated businesses. The dividend

MICHAEL CLARK

Market watch

ECONOMISTS will remain wary this week of further volatility on world stock markets emanating from the Far East and will be keeping a watchful eye on Latin America, which was suffering nervousness on a Hong Kong scale at the end of last week.

A more routine event will

be the Bank of England monetary policy committee ABF: The £630 million sale of on Wednesday and Thursday. It, too, is capable of surprise but most City Irish food operations by Asso-ciated British Foods this year economists expect interest has returned the focus to the group's future plans. It has rates to remain on hold for £1.5 billion cash and could this month at least, Some make some useful acquisianalysts expect a quarter tions. Full-year figures today point rise by the year end. October money supply are likely to reveal the first signs of a slowdown in figures, out today, are expected to show a fall in the growth. Pre-tax profits are growth of M0 from 1.0 per expected to show a downturn from £429 million to £420 milcent in September to about lion, with earnings virtually 0.7 per cent, a 6.1 per cent

year-on-vear rise. Tomorrow the net new consumer credit figures for September are due. About £750 million is expected, a fall from El billion during

Industrial production data for September are due on Wednesday. They are likely to produce the most market-sensitive announcement after last week's gloomy picture in the CBI manufacturing survey. A drop from annual growth of 1.9 per cent in August to 1.8 per cent is expected.

will rise 10 per cent to 12.35p. GEORGE SIVELL

Pressure on for **MEPC** payout

By CARL MORTISHED

PRESSURE will today in-crease on MEPC to return funds to shareholders after the surprise £300 million sale of the bulk of its smaller properties fund to GE Capital.

The deal marks another strategy U-turn by the £2 billion property investment group and follows the policy shift in September, when MEPC revealed the planned disposal of US and Australian assets. It gave no hint that the portfolio of smaller properties

was up for grabs. MEPC's exposure to a large number of smaller properties has been criticised by institutions which, fed up with the weak performance of MEPC. encouraged Hammerson into merger talks with the MEPC board earlier this year. The parties failed to agree terms, but in a bid to satisfy his critics James Tuckey, chief executive. changed strategy on overseas properties. Last month MEPC increased its properties fund

investment with the £247 million takeover of PSIT.

Today's disposal to GE Capital will provide MEPC with the immediate funds needed to make a £300 million capital repayment to shareholders. In September MEPC promised a repayment out of the expected £500 million-£600 million from the US and Australian asset sales. However, the company wants to increase its exposure to UK property and will probably attempt to resist demands that it make an early capital repayment.

in its 1996 annual report, MEPC had indicated an intention to slim the smaller properties portfolio from its September 1996 valuation of £285 million to £150 million. The deal with GE Capital will reduce the portfolio further. The addition of the small properties in the PSIT portio-lio will still leave MEPC with a fund worth about £100

Financial adviser to join AIM

By PAUL DURMAN

INTER-ALLIANCE, a firm of independent financial advisers headed by Vincent Isaacs, is raising £5 million as part of its preparations to list on the Alternative Investment Market before Christmas with a value of £13.5 million.

Mr Isaacs was founder of General Portfolio, a life insurer that built up a large direct salesforce in the 1980s before it was taken over by GAN, the state-owned French insurer. Inter-Alliance plans to assemble a network of L500 advisers over the next three

BCO Technologies intends to become the first Northern Irish company to list on AIM, raising more than £7.5 million to fund its expansion.

Wren Homes, a property developer based in Sutton, Surrey, hopes to raise £550,000 by joining Ofex, the matched bargain market.

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STOCKMARKET

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(c) The optical effect pointed out by Pulirich (1858-1927) that when a pendulum in a plane perpendicular to the line of eight is viewed, with one eye covered with a filter, its motion appears to be elliptical.

(a) A tube filled with explosive attached under the nosecap of an HE shell to ensure that the detonation of the fuse in the cap will detonate the main explosive content of the shell.

(a) The specific epithet of Bacterium Pullorum describing an acute

disease in young chicks, often fatal. It is also known as bacterial white diarrhoea. ZEUGMA

ZEUGMA

(c) The application of an adjective or verb to two nouns, though strictly applicable to only one of them. EG, "Kill the boys and the luggage": "With weeping eyes and hearts": "See Pan with flocks, with fruits Pomona crowned." With zeugma, the master word actually fails to make sense with one of its pair. You do not kill luggage; hearts bleed rather than weep; and Pomona's hair would be in a terrible state if she was crowned with flocks. In syllepsis, the master word is grammatically correct, but requires the single word to be understood in a different sense with each of its pair. EG, "Miss Bolo went home in a flood of tears and a bath chair." In Greek zeugma means "voking" and syllepsis means "taking together". means "yoking" and syllepsis means "taking together".

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE After 1 Rx(8+ Kx(8 2 Bc5+ Black can play 2 _ Re7 3 Bze7+ Ke8! and if 4 Qxe4 (there is nothing better) 4 _ dxe4 Black is better in the endgame!

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THE FACTS

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THE BOARD

Richard Giordano, non-executive chairman. A New York lawyer, he joined Brit-ish Gas in 1993 as a nonsn des in 1993 as a non-executive director. Became chairman in 1994. He is non-executive deputy chair-man of Grand Metropolitan and a non-executive direc-tor of Rio Tinto. He was appointed CBE in 1989. Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman. Responsible for regulatory matters. Appointed to his present role last year after failing to get the chief executive's job. Non-executive director of

Non-executive director of Halifax plc.
David Varney, chief executive. Joined from Shell. A fellow of the Institute of Personnel and Development. Phillip Hampton, finance director. Joined last year from British Steel where he had been finance director. Stephen Brandon, director for international down-stream business. Ap-pointed 1995 from General Electric Company of US.

Frank Chapman, manag-ing director of exploration and production. Joined in 1996 from Shell. John Wybrew, responsible

for strategic planning. Another Shell recruit. Margaret ther Shell recruit. Margaret Thatcher's adviser on energy and transport 1984-88. Non-executive directors: Dame Stella Rimington. First woman Director-General of MI5. Joined BG in February 1997. David Benson, Longest serving non-executive. serving non-executive.

Non-executive of Kleinwort Benson and part of the same Benson family. Dr John Parker, Chairman of Babcock International Non-executive at GKN. Appointed February 1997.
Elwyn Elliedge. Outgoing chairman of BTR. Chairman of Financial Reporting Advisory Board to the Treasury. Appointed February 1997. Keith Mackrell. Retired

from Shell in 1991. Appointed 1994.

world was collapsing around British Gas. In an extraordinary show of shareholder rage in 1995, a beleaguered management was virtually held hostage for six hours as investors poured invective on Richard Giordano, the chairman, and Cedric Brown, chief executive. Fat-cat pay in the utilities had erupted as a political flashpoint and Brown, who had seen his pay jump 73 per cent to £475,000, became a sacrificial lamb. Those among the angry thousands who were not incensed over pay were irate over

dismal service standards. Then there was take-or-pay-British Gas's commitment to buy fuel at top rates when the market price had fallen through the floor. It was a financial calamity that threatened to kill the business. Last year British Gas went on to threaten thousands of well-paying customers with disconnection amid huge computer problems. And we should not torget the regulator's pricing plans for the pipeline business that British Gas declared the biggest smash and grab raid in history. Meanwhile, the company was losing its monopoly of household customers in a programme to open areas to rival suppliers that started more than a year ago.

Richard Giordano says: This was a company with a lot of big problems. The management talent that it had was busy firefighting. The alarms would go off and it would rush off to put one fire out. No sooner was that dealt with then there would be another fire."

Through a series of disasters British Gas had managed to become a figure of fun and hate. In the boardroom, directors were clear that its misfortunes were not laughing matters. David Varney, chief executive of the pipeline and international business half of British Gas, says: "Any one of the problems could have killed the corporation." Giordano: "I was always worried that the service problem would finish us when

Service difficulties had been exacerbated by the rapid exodus of staff from British Gas. The business was making more staff redundant than it could cope with. Four years ago British Gas embarked on a big reorganisation that envisaged 25,000 job losses and the transformation of its network to replace 12 regional centres with

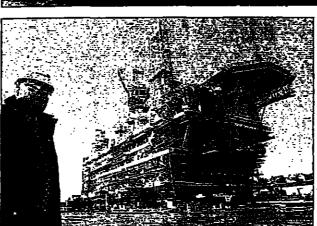
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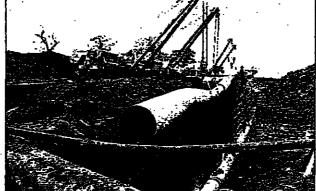
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Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, has clashed with Richard Giordano, top, at the wheel, and Cedric Brown. Mr Brown's namesake, Cedric the pig, became a symbol of protests about fat-cat pay. Since then, David Varney, who runs the pipelines and international business, has taken a more measured approach

one national network. In the end more than 37,000 staff had taken voluntary redundancy and the organisation buckled. There were simply too few people. Hence the fiascos with billing and a dearth of engineers to service homes.

But that is now history. Earlier this year British Gas ceased to exist and we now have new fresh businesses to replace the old stumbling giant. The City has been promised that they are invigorated beings, free from the jinx that seemed to dog British Gas.

In February British Gas split into two in a demerger that had been a year in the making. The profitable pipelines network was put with international exploration and development in a company called BG, while gas supply was placed with the enormous liabilities of take-orpay in Centrica. cling on to the British Gas

Both companies have tried to

pipeline division of Transco. Centrica sends its bills out as British Gas Trading. The result, not surprisingly, has been con-fusion. The idea of a demerger was first thrown up in 1992

identity. BG trades internation- when a Monopolies and Mergally as British Gas, while in the ers Commission investigation UK it is known through the recommended halving British Gas to reduce its market dominance and to prevent conflicts of interest. The prospect was thrown out by the Government which was keen to press on with competition in the gas industry

WHAT THE CITY SAYS

"BG is doing everything right barring one or two question marks over its upstream portfolio. But the problem remains Ofgas. We are always nervous about what Ofgas may do. I don't think any other regulator is as harsh on their companies as Ofgas is." — Liz Butler,

"The management has for a long time been hamstrung by the length and the all-consuming nature of the Transco price review. But now they are free to focus on cost-cutting at Transco and improving growth in E&P. It is early days but what we have seen is very promising." — Simon Flowers, NatWest.

portfolio. But its exploration and development needs to grow. BG has said that it intends E&P to be self-financing. But e&p does need some more capital. It would be best to either demarge the business or to spin off a 25 per cent interest to bring in some more cash." — Tony Alves, Henderson Crosthwaite.

and feared surgery to British Gas would delay that process.

Two years ago the idea was embraced by British Gas as a means of isolating the crippling take-or-pay obligations. Several months down the line and it seems as though BG has gone some way towards putting the past behind it. Its share price has substantially outperformed the FTSE All-share index and confidence is growing about the international operations. The MMC ruling on Transco is about to be implemented and BG is pushing through more than 2,500 jobs in order to reduce its costs to fit the "tough" demands. But Varney has succeeded in changing the once-vitriolic tone of British Gas to a more measured approach which seems to have won the

respect of Ofgas, the regulator. Whether that will be enough to stave off future swipes at the company by Clare Spottis-woode, head of Ofgas, is another matter, but the regula tor will remain a considerable shadow hanging over long-term development of Transco. Ms Spottiswoode has declared she would like to see Transco stripped down to little more than a head office.

But Varney - who came from Shell — must press on. He is determined that BG counters the criticism levelled at British Gas that it lacked focus. Along with the cost-reduction exercise BG is busy turfing out all sorts of things from its wardrobe. Property disposals and the sale of non-core North Sea assets have been in evidence over the past few months and will continue as Varney gets together more spending power to beef up exploration that has been criticised for being unexciting.

This will prove the most challenging project. BG has committed exploration and development (E&P) to being self-financing. E&P is £57 mil-

lion in the black but there are some doubts in the City that a save and spend approach is the best way to grow the business. Pierre Jongels, former managing director of E&P last year left to become chief executive at Enterprise Oil after only a year in the job. He moved amid rumours that BG wasn't planning to spend enough as he would have liked.

But shareholders will be less vexed over BG's spending. Although they have seen a divi-dend cut they have given a ringing endorsement to the company's increased debt levels. Varney has attacked the balance sheet, mounting the biggest buy-back in UK corporate history at £1.3 billion as it switched equity for debt. Gear-ing up the balance sheet had been favoured by analysts and bolsters BG's position as a market favourite. The combined share prices of BG and Centrica came to 3453/4p on Friday. Three years ago, British Gas stood at 350p. It will take many years for BG to finally throw out the baggage of British Gas in the popular imagination. But most observers are agreed that the company has made a swift start. They would endorse Varney's intention: "We want to make it clear that this is a different company, and a different management team."

As part of that move, BG is developing a statement of business principles but, at this stage, Integrity Works, an adviser to the company, could award it only seven out of ten for ethical expression. And BG may be a new company, but Crisp Consulting's model shows Giordano, who many believe was the instigator of new highs in British boardroom pay, to be overpaid by almost a third.

CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

OUR VERDICT

Ethical expression¹ .. 7/10 Fat-cat quotient²...... 7/10 Financial record 7/10 Share performance.. 7/10 Attitude to staff....... 6/10 Strength of brand..... 8/10

Innovation 8/10 Annual report 8/10 Future prospects..... 8/10 Ethical policy is evaluated by "Integrity Works. The Fet-cet quo-ifient, in which best bearfroom pay practice scores nighest, is pro-vided by "Crap Consulting"

WH Smith sells its US music chain for £28m

By Marianne Curphey

WH SMITH has taken another step to free management to concentrate on its core business by selling The Wall, its US music chain, for £28 million.

The high street retailer announced plans last month to demerge Waterstones, its chain of bookstores, to try to fend off the advances of Tim Waterstone, the chain's founder.

The Wall, which has most of its 153 outlets in northeast America, was bought by WH Smith in 1990 for \$23 million

(£13.5 million) and broke even on sales of £105 million for the

year to May 1997. The sale of The Wall to Camelot Music a US music retailer, means analysts will now be focusing on Virgin Our Price, in which WH Smith has a 75 per cent stake.

The remaining 25 per cent is held by Richard Branson, the billionaire entrepreneur and founder of the store. WH Smith may either sell its stake or buy out Mr Branson.

Vickers close to buying GKN's defence business

By Marianne Curphey

VICKERS, the engineering group that has put Rolls-Royce Motors up for sale, is

Analysts say the price is likely to fall between £50 million and £150 million, although it could be at the lower end of the scale because GKN

has a thin order book and the business has only 500 staff. Acquiring the GKN armoured just weeks away from signing a deal to buy the defence business of its rival GKN. car business would bolster Vickers's move to concentrate on its defence business. Vickers is part of a consor-

tium bidding for two important defence contracts. GKN is part of a rival consortium chasing the same business. The first order is to supply the British. German and French armies with a multi-role armoured vehicle (MRAV) or battlefield taxi. The other is to provide the US and British armies with Tracer, an armoured vehicle with sensor equipment.

Meanwhile, Vickers is completing a E2 billion order to

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more than 400 tanks. It is also expected to sign a deal worth up to £300 million to supply Oatar and Oman with Challenger 2 tanks. The Oman order will be finalised within the next fortnight, while the

ed to take a little longer. The deals will help to secure 1,700 jobs at Vickers Defence Systems in Leeds and Newcastle and help to keep the two plants working at capacity until the end of the decade.

Qatar negotiations are expect-

Sources at Vickers said that the group had picked the "right time in the cycle" to put Rolls-Royce on the market, despite having invested £200 million in

provide the British Army with a new model due to be launched next year.

Some weekend reports suggested that there were problems with the new car and this had prompted the board to try to dispose of the business. However, company sources said: "As soon as one new model comes off the production line it is time to start investing in research to develop another. The board had to make a decision over future investment, and believes the value of the business has been maximised and now is the right time to sell."

Potential bidders include Daimler-Benz, BMW, VW-Audi and Mercedes.

Murray joins the write-off league

BY PAUL DURMAN

MURRAY INTERNATION-AL, the steel stockholding owner of Glasgow Rangers, has taken advantage of its strengthened finances to write

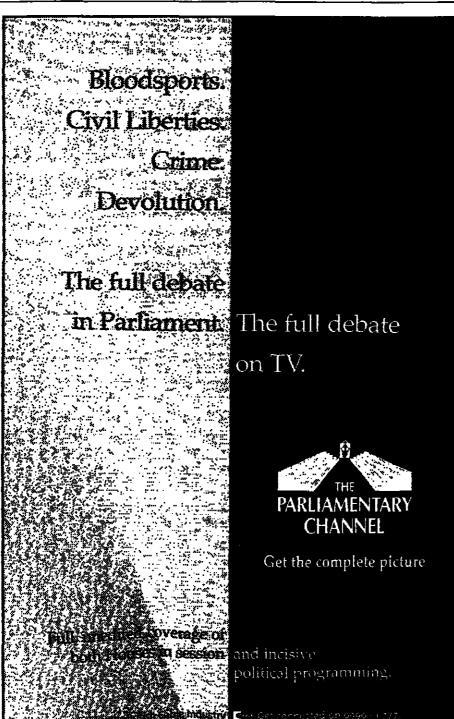
off the value of its players.
The change brings Murray into line with most quoted football clubs. Murray has written off El12 million against the £29.2 million of pre-tax profits it made in the year to January 31. It has also ing off £7.8 million spent on

players such as Paul Gas-

coigne and Brian Laudrup. and reducing the prior-year total to £2.2 million.

The pre-tax profits total benefited from a £16.6 million profit on the sale of subsidiary businesses, including Mimtec Electronics.

Profits from the continuing operations rose from £12 million to £14 million. Expansion overseas helped to lift turnover in the metals division from £166 million to £186



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economic and monetary union (EMU) among French businesses and consumers has prompted the Chirac Government to launch a Fr70 million advertising campaign to ad-dress the widespread ignofrom next year. The US group is planning to extend its software stran-

The campaign reflects con-cern that France, like much of Europe, is failing to plan for the difficulties of introducing the euro in just over a year's time. A Price Waterhouse survey last month showed 61 per cent of French companies have not prepared at all for EMU.

Business leaders fear chaos when exchange rates between participating countries are fixed in 1999, signalling the start of the transition towards the euro. With large firms likely to start paying suppliers in euros in 1999, much of French industry will be sucked into the new system long before francs are taken out of circulation in 2002.

The Finance Ministry plans to distribute 20 million leaflets with advertisements in newspapers and on the radio and television, while the French equivalent of the CBI, the National Council of French Business Leaders, will next week produce brochures on the advantages and tactical problems of the single European currency.

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Microsoft plans Windows in cars

IF Microsoft has its way, new cars will come equipped with Windows as well as windows

glehold into the car market, installing Windows software on car dashboards so that motorists can check electronic mail, diaries and shopping lists while on the road. The "personal information

manager" will be voice-acti-vated, reflecting the obvious safety concerns. The computer will be able to talk back to the driver, so avoiding him Maritz, a Microsoft vice-presi-

dent, said: "You have got to keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel. It is well within the realm of current technology." Mr Maritz predicted cars with Windows are likely to go into production from next autumn, but he declined to

The Windows programme for the car will be a scaleddown version of the Windows CE software launched a year ago for personal organisers. ware, drivers will be able to operate the computer as it

they were sitting at a desk.

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ers would lead the way.

Microsoft was reproved by the US Justice Department last week over its aggressive wholesale marketing techniques for its Internet software. The department has asked a court in Washington to fine the group \$1 million (£590,000) for every day it continues to ignore a 1995 agreement restricting the licensing of its products.

Bill Gates, the group chairman and America's richest man. said in his first public response that the allegations were not true and that such fines were usually rejected by

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It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your own copy, take it home and keep it to yourself. **FEFOCUS**

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*A DAD'S ARMY of retired workforce that could start that store dates by two digits computer programmers is work on complex millennium only, and will fail to undercomputer services company, to combat the expected shortage of workers qualified to work on the "millennium bug" problem.

More than 300 pensioners will this month be contacted by the company and offered part-time work at full hourly rates. Most will be over 60 years old, have their own PCs, and be fluent in old-style computer languages which are a mystery to many of the current generation of programmers.

ICL is also extending its earch to new mothers who left the company on maternity leave and did not return. In trials, it has had acceptances from just over half of the former employees contacted.

The move is the latest indication of the problems British companies face in dealing with the millennium bug in old computers before 2000. Duncan Short, head of ICL's Year 2000 compliance unit, said the company is looking to build an auxiliary

bug projects without extra ing. He said: "We keep the details of all our former staff on a personnel database which tells us what skills they have and their reasons for leaving. From this, we can target the sort of people who

chance of a few hours extra work a week." Those accepting its invitation can work as many or as few hours as they like. They will receive "homework pack-ages", containing a disk with a client's faulty data, and will debug the program on their

would probably appreciate the

Mr Short said his clients are unlikely to be concerned that their software may be passed to back-up staff for correction. He said: "At the end of the day, we sign a contract with them saying what we are going to deliver. Whether that is done by somebody sitting at home or at a desk should make no

The Year 2000 problem is found in computer programs

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comes after the year "99".

As the speed of computers has increased, computer systerns have been updated rather than replaced. The Year 2000 problem can almost al-ways be traced to 1970s computer codes lying at the core of many 1990s programs. However, languages such as Cobol

- which were standard for programmers who have now retired - have become almost obsolete as today's new programmers graduate in languages such as C++ Richard Holway, the com-puter consultant whose

Holway Reports are widely respected throughout the industry, welcomed ICL's move. He said: "I think its an absolutely superb idea. We've been campaigning to bring back the oldies for some time now; they have the skills."

ICL's approach differs from other consultancies which have tried to recruit graduates to train up and set to work on the millennium bug.



Kick-off: Morris, left, Thompson, centre, and Kelly

Kelly hopes to score with Internet football

By Jason Nisse

A TEAM led by Danny Kelly, the TV presenter and former editor of NME and Q, is raising £3 million from City institutions to launch a daily football newspaper on the

Internet. The publication, Football 365, will be delivered overnight onto the personal computers of subscribers. They will specify which clubs they follow so the news can be tailored to their interests.

The newspaper will include results, match reports going back a number of seasons, gossip and a quotes page to point out the rubbish talked by footballers and managers. The

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team has a deal with the Press Association for information and is signing up local newspapers and fanzines.

Mr Kelly's team, who currently present a show on Channel 4. includes David Tabizel, a City financier, Simon Morris, whose career has taken him from Sega to Chris Evans's Ginger Productions. and Dan Thompson, who sold his Renegade computer games group to Time Warner for £5

They intend to launch the paper in the new year and hope to win 250,000 subscribers within months. Initially subscription will be free.

Battle joined in talks on coal's future

JOHN BATTLE, the Energy Minister, will be pressed to-day by backbench MPs and union representatives over the Government's energy policy (Christine Buckley writes).

A delegation of MPs and representatives from four unions will meet Mr Battle and Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, as fears increase for the future of coal. Concern stems from the lack of progress in talks be-tween RJB, the coal producer, and the electricity generators for new contracts to replace government-arranged ones

The delegation will argue that Britain is moving towards being 70 per cent dependent on gas when gas resources are not that plentiful in the UK.

Equity markets crash around the world but no one hurt — so far

ill the stock market fall any further? Over the past week. if there is one question I have been asked more often than this hardy perennial it has to be what effect will it all have?". The answer, I'm afraid, is that it all depends.

According to Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, the recent fall in share prices has only good effects. Apparently, in-flationary pressures will be reduced — but with no adverse effect on prospects for real growth. Of course, he would say that, wouldn't he? Although central bankers are normally required to give warning of inflationary dangers ahead, whenever the financial markets have one of their periodic panic attacks the need to dispense soothing balm over-rides this. After all, confidence is the glue that holds the financial system

together. And stock market gloom can easily be overdone. At just below 7,500, the Dow Jones industrial average in the US is still higher than it was at the start of June, and 14 per cent up since the start of the year. Similarly, in the UK, the FTSE 100 index is still well above its level at the time of the election, and nearly 20 per cent up since the

start of the year. In many ways this mirrors what happened in the crash of 1987. Although the Footsie then plunged by a third in a matter of weeks, if you had bought shares a year earlier and hung on, you did not lose money. But governments and central banks around the world were worried that the market collapse could cause a recession, just as the crash of 1929 helped to bring on the

Great Depression. Not only did this not happen, but 1988 proved to be a year of super-strong growth. This caused many people to conclude that sharp asset price movements are irrelevant for the real economy. Presumably, the implication is that central bankers can

now rest easily in their beds. This conclusion could be dangerously complacent. We owed our escape in 1987 to



ROGER BOOTLE

central banks, including our own, quickly acted to cut interest rates and supply liquid-ity. The knowledge that they were taking an active approach to managing the crisis spread confidence throughout the economic and financial system. Secondly, as we now know, the underlying growth momentum in the economy was extremely strong. Thirdly, the dangers of finan-cial instability failed to materialise, not least because the really weak link in the chain namely the Japanese market - defied all apparent logic and held up surprising-

ly well. This time round, precisely because the central banks action in 1987 is widely judged to have contributed to the inflationary boom of the late 1980s, their response is likely to be a good deal more muted. Nevertheless, Mr Greenspan's message to the markets last week seemed to be that US rate rises were off the agenda for the immediate future, and our own monetary policy committee, which is due to pronounce on interest rates this Thursday, may take the hint and decide to hold off from raising rates.

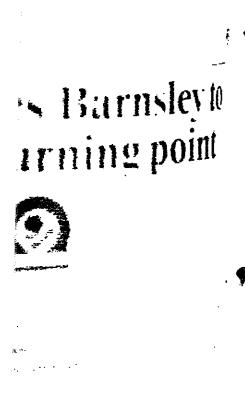
s to the underlying A growth momentum, it is possible that the world economy is again set to shrug it all off, but there are some worrying features. The US recovery is very old and looks ripe for a slowdown. recovery is fragile and the feeble Japanese pick-up is fast petering out. Moreover, it is in Japan that the financial risks are again serious — not

because they are dangerously low. Further weakness could cause serious problems for the banks. Even if the British econo-

my does shrug off lower share prices, there could be some important specific ef-iras, which would again recall the late 1980s. All year we have heard about the booming property market in Central London, driven partly by speculative buying from Asia. After reacht events, much of this buying could turn to selling. For with their local stock markets having fallen sharply. Asian wealth levels will have fallen. After sharp rises in London property prices, a higher sterling exchange rate and now in many cases, lower values for their own currencies. many Asian buyers will be sitting on huge profits.

f the London stock market continues to languish. L turnover will fall and this may encourage banks and brokers to reconsider the size of their payrolls and the generosity of their bonus pools. This may not be of much relevance to the economy of South Shields but it is mightily important to South

Kensington. For the effect on the national economy to be really noticeable, however, either the market will have to fall a lot further, or there will have to be a significant knock-on from events in Asia. Both are possible. In August I argued that the sharp discrepancy between the rates of increase in asset prices and the rate of consumer price inflation would have to narrow. The inflation bears saw inflation rising whereas I saw share prices falling, which they have now started to do. But they will have to fall a good deal further to bring the two into line for the year. This remains much more likely than the idea that inflation will rise. Indeed, over recent weeks, for the first time in my career, umpteen professional investment managers have asked me about the dreaded "d" word -- deflation.





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Centuries-old sound of Black October crashing

Tulips, South Sea Bubble

and 1929

it's all so familiar, says

Tom Cannon

ast week's collanse of stock markets around the world would seem to have little in common with Royal Queen Magenta and Van Tromp tulips or with a notorious 18thcentury scam to raise money for "a Company for Carrying on an Undertaking of Great Advantage but Noone to Know What it is".

However, each episode highlights the way in which the type of speculative frenzy seen recently can turn rapidly collapse and seeming disaster.

The turbulence in stock markets a few days ago saw records broken around the world. Record numbers of transactions took place on successive days, while markets registered massive drops and equally dramatic recoveries. The fond hope that North American and European stock markets were immune from the difficulties of Hong Kong and Tokyo were shattered. Comparisons with the events of "Black Monday" in October

1987 were inevitable. During "Black Monday" -October 19, 1987 — the Dow Jones industrial average in New York dropped by more than 22 per cent, while the London market lost almost a quarter of its value, wiping ESO billion off share values, in

the wake of the US drop, Headlines like "Wall Street's blackest hour" competed with yuppies aghast at the end of boom to convey the sense of shock. Some people even said that this tenth anniversary itself contributed to the sense of crisis that precipitated last week's collapse.

The bad news about October, however, goes further back in time. Nearly 70 years ago, headlines described the



Sign of the times: Black October, 1929, when the Dow Jones industrial average fell 33 per cent in two weeks

reeled as stock markets plummeted even further — in percentage terms - than last week. In just two weeks starting on October 28 - the Dow Jones industrial average dropped by more than 33 per

Even earlier than 1929, a pattern was established. Robert Beckman, in Crashes, his clever book, argues that the first, well-documented market crash took place in the Dutch tulip market in the 1630s.

Tulips had grown rapidly in popularity since their introduction into Europe in the 1570s. It was, however, the creation of specialist "exotic" species in the 1620s that saw demand for blooms like the Royal Queen Magenta and the Van Tromp push prices up. Markets in bulbs were cre-

ated in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Leiden, Alkmaar and Hoorn. Perhaps inevitably. a

during the 1630s. By 1638 prices were doubling and trebling almost monthly in the first three quarters of the year.

The first signs of difficulties emerged in late September with the full collapse starting in October. Prices dropped by more than 40 per cent in just three weeks.

A century later, the United Kingdom got its first real taste of speculative boom and bust with the great South Sea Bubble.

The original purpose of the South Sea Company was to establish and exploit a monopoly of trade in the South Seas, area including the whole of South America, the West Coast of North America and the Pacific. The company planned to purchase this monopoly in return for taking over Britain's national debt.

The successful launch of the company saw its shares soar, stock market collapse of 1929 futures market was created to while speculative frenzy as Black October. The world cope with the surge in demand gripped London. A host of

bizarre enterprises were creat-ed in its wake, including the notorious "Company for Carrying on an Undertaking of Great Advantage but No-one to Know What it is." The company's promoter promised anyone buying a £2 share an income of £100 for life. He collected £2,000 in five hours

then disappeared.

the South Sea Company itself saw its shares gain a fourfold increase in value between its launch in 1719 and the second half of 1720. The promise of unlimited growth and unearned wealth saw buying reach a frenzy in September 1720. Shares with a nominal value of EIOO were changing hands for more than £1,000 until early October, when the collapse started. Before the end of the month, prices were down to nominal

value, then to nothing.

beyond these illustrations. The collapse of the Bank of France in the first half of the last century and the great railway share bust in the second half showed similar patterns.

The reasons for this October effect are not clear. It might simply be that the onset of winter prompts speculators to look more harshly on investments that looked attractive in spring or summer. Perhaps the old stock market adage -"buy in May and go away, sell in September and wait to December" — influences

The truth probably lies deeper in the ways markets develop and respond to opportunities and threats. The pattern of events leading up to each October shows some common features

Accelerating and rapid growth in the preceding years typically sees the share value of companies bear little resem-The October effect extends blance to the value of assets or market position. Inflated share values are then used for ambitious acquisitions, or other developments, which stretch company resources.

The re-emergence of intense merger and acquisition activity is often associated with the creation of exotic financial instruments almost as ingenious as new species of tulip, but lack their aesthetic appeal. Markets are first stimulated by the use of the ingenious new financial instruments, but

money gets out. In the year that collapses occur there is usually turbulence in the first quarter and recovery in the second quarter of the year. The past few days have seen a concerted effort to play down the effects of this market collapse. Presidents, Prime

then grow wary. The smart

Ministers and Chancellors have reassured us that "the fundamentals of their economies are sound." There is much to support this I only wish I did not have a

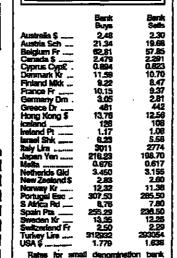
copy of the front page of the New York Times for Wednesday, October 20, 1929, in front of me. It says: "Stocks Collapse .. (but) Bankers Optimistic."

Similar reassurances followed Black Monday in 1987 only to be followed by the worst recession since the 1930s. I suspect that Holland's leaders were reassuring people that the fundamentals in the bulb market were sound as Holland went into decline. Professor Tom Cannon is

chief executive of The Management Charter Initiative and author of The Guinness Book of Business Records.

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Now this won't hurt a bit...

Trust Me, I'm a Doctor, BBC2, 8.00pm

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Can you trust a doctor who looks like Chris Evans and tells comparable jokes? When it's your friendly GP Phil Hammond — this is his second series yes you can. He and reporter Donna Bernard's strongest report tonight is about babies born with cleft palates — one in every 700. Surgery should be effective in the hands of experts but due to health cuts and general inexperience not enough surgeons in Britain can do the job properly. Worrying too, for the growing band of disciples of an attractive new contraceptive technique is that 6 per cent of women using it get pregnant. And finally, perhaps most astonishingly, is that placebos — like innocent sugar pills instead of genuine painkillers — can have the same effect on "patients" who try both types of pill not knowing which is which. Interesting doctors' dilemma here... could save the NHS millions.

The second half of the first of three stories, and if you watched last week you will scarcely need an invitation to view. Is Paula (Janet Dibley) a serial killer? First that punter who is dying on a life support machine, now a well-meaning cop...the finger of suspicion looks pretty pointed. Rose (Geraldine James) in her new capacity as an "outreach" worker with prostitutes senses that Paula is immocent but she has other fish to fry. Having blurted out the truth of their relationship to her daughter she gets a devastatine relationship. to her daughter she gets a devastating rebuff — but is it final? And what about that nice decorator painting the newly-rich Carol's house?

A promising fly-on-the-wallpaper series about the Adelphi, one of Liverpool's landmarks and under siege in this the first of eight episodes, from jockeys, punters, trainers and reporters because the Grand National at Aintree has been rescheduled due to a bomb scare. The production team must have been hugging themselves — the scare was a hoax after all and what a "photo opportunity" to kick off a new series! At the Adelphi



Manager Eileen Downey (BBCl. 9.30pm)

the cheapest room costs £95 and within minutes the hotel, already booked solid for the race, is overrum — the halls becoming dormitories filled with mattresses. ("Space on mattress £45"). The film focuses on the efforts of staff — particularly the no-nonsense general manager. Eileen Downey — to keep the £581 guests reasonably happy. Obstreperous drunks, flamboyant ladies of the night — they get short shrift from Eileen and her plucky (and very pregnant) senior receptionist Christine . . . the cheapest room costs £95 and within minutes

I'm Alan Partridge BBC2, 10.00pm

BBC2. 10.00pm

Knowing Me, Knowing You took a lot of getting used to but when viewers finally rwigged that Partridge's (aka Steve Coogan) gruesome chalshow was a send-up of just about everything they were ready for more. Not so the powers that be tired of being killed on screen or hit in the face with a dead fowl the BBC bosses relegated Alan to a dawn DJ show on Radio Norwich from which backwater he strives to escape — by arranging lunch with the Chief Commissioning Editor of the BBC (David Schneider). Alan's job is to convince him that he must have a new series — what follows is an interview and run-down of ideas ('how about arm wrestling with Chas and Dave?') just about arm wrestling with Chas and Dave?") just toe-curling enough to be recognised with a shudder by anyone who has ever been bold enough to put new ideas up to Auntie.

Elizabeth Cowley new ideas up to Auntie.

RADIO CHOICE

Performance on 3: The Pilgrim's Progress Radio 3, 6.55pm

The 125th anniversary of the birth of Vaughan Williams falls this year; he is this week's composer of the week on Radio 3 and he also features in the Sounding the Century season. In the latter slot comes this setting of his morality opera, a treatment of the John Bunyan novel broadcast live from the Barbican in London. This is the first time the Royal Opera has performed the work since the company premiered it in 1951. Vaughan Williams was an agnostic, so he changed the name of the leading figure from Christian to Pilgrim so that the spiritual appeal would go beyond Christianity. Tonight's performance has Gerald Finley as Pilgrim, Gwynne Howell as Bunyan and Jeremy White as the Evangelist. Richard Hickox conducts.

Radio 3, 9.40pm

Postscript: Ulysses — Epiphanies

This programme in the Sounding the Century season is the first of five this week marking the 75th anniversary of the publication of the James Joyce novel Ulysses. I have seen the book variously described as the greatest novel in the English language and the greatest novel this century. which makes it all the more remarkable that so few people can honestly claim to have read right through it. An interesting radio series could be made about great books many people have started but few have finished. Tonight's opening programme will focus on Joyce's use of language. I discussed by the novelist John Banville and Paul Muldon, the poet, with some readings from the text by way of example text by way of example.

RADIO 1

6.30mm Ksvin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Merk Radolfite 4.00 Dave Pearce 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session. All Collections of the forthcoming tour by the Bluetones 8.30 Live Music Updala 8.40 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00mm Citve Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Devid Aaronovitch 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelfon 8.00 Metcolm Layook 9.00 Big Band Special 9.30 Hayes Over Britain 10.30 Richard Alinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00 sm The Breaklast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00 pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 The Club that Jock Built. A new series in which Archie McPherson looks at the careers of great footbell managers 8.00 The Monday Match: West Harn v Crystal Pelace 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night, includes commentary on the Melbourne

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evans 10.00 (FM) Robin Banks (AM) Graham Dene 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Riuss 'n' Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Ceimin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9.06 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whele 1.00am (an Collins

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: The Colour of Blood 7.30 The Virtage Crust Show 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Pop on the Line 9.00 News; News in German (646 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Major Killers 9.30 Westway Access 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Ornzibus 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Jazzmataz 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Seven Days 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Chill Out 3.00 World News; (648 only) News in German 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 On Your Behalf 3.30 The Ed Stewart Show 4.00 News 4.15 Seven Days 4.30 The World Today; (648 only) News in German 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Cross Questioned; News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Multigrack Hit List 8.00 Newshout 9,00 News 9,05 World Business Report 9,15 Britain Today 9,30 Heritage 10,00 Newsdesk 10,30 The World Today Newstour 9,00 News 9,06 World Business Report 9,15 Britain Today 9,30 Heritage 10,00 Newsdesk 10,30 The World Today 10,45 Sports Roundup 11,00 News 11,05 Outlook 11,30 Multitrack Hit List 12,00 Newsdesk 12,20mm Westway 12,45 Britain Today 1,00 Newsdesk 1,30 Seven Days 1,45 Poems by Post 2,00 Newsdesk 2,30 Seven 3,00 News 3,05 World Business Report 3,15 Sports Roundup 3,30 What Do Christians Believe? 4,00 Newsdesk 4,30 Surope Today 5,00 Newsdesk 5,00 Europe Today 5,00 Newsday 5,30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann. Includes Moming March and Breakfast Baroque 9.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the Classic Masterpiece, Hell of Farne Hour and a recipe for Their red prawn curry from Michael Barry 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones. Telephone (345-491812 or e-mail requests@classicim co uk 2.00 Concerto, Gerstwen (Pieno Concerto in F) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsmight. A look at the day's events with John Brunning 7.30 Sonata. Locatelli (Sonata for 2 Flutes No 3 in E) 8.00 Evening Concert. Introduced by Richard Baker Elgar (Violin Concerto); Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending) 10.00 Michael Mappin. Includes at 11.35 Nocame 2.00em Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Tallis (Spem in Altum); Beethoven (Plano Sonata in E flat, Les adleux); Caccini, art Brinums (Ave Meria); Brehms (Tragic Overture); Genstwin, art Rosa (Overture Strike Up the Band); Bach (Double Violin

(Overture Strike Up the Band); Bach (Double Violin Concerto in D minor)

9.00 Monning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes Bax (Overture to a Picaresque Comedy); Chopin (Four Mazurkas); Mozar (Duo No 1 in G); Chopin (Five Mazurkas); Boyce (Symphony No 5 in D)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mark Rowkinson.
Tchakovsky (Capriccio Italien); Mussorgsky (The Nursery); John Luther Adams (The Time of Drumming); Haydh (Fantasia in C); Novak (in the Church, Slovak Suite); Talis (Loquebantur Varis Linguis a 7); Beethoven (Septet in E flet)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Ratph Vaughan Williams (Sounding the Century)

1.00pm News; The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert, Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Pierre

from St. John's, Smith Square, London, Pierre Amoyal, violin, Mildhail Rudy, piano, Schoenberg (Phantasy); Janacek (Sonata); Brahms (Sonata in

2.00 The BBC Orchestres. BBC Philhermonic under Sakari Orano and Yan Pascal Torteller, with Tzimon Barto, piano. Shaikus (Suite King Christian II, excepts); Walton (Partita); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor); Sibelius (Symphony

No 1)
4.00 Music Metters, with Ivan Hewett (r)
4.45 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson looks at how
governments around the world have used music

to provide information and influence opinion on everything from war to sanitation

5.00 in Turne. Sean Rafferty talks to the violinist Gidon Kremer about his new Brahms recording. Plus news of the comic opera, I Can't Stand Wagner which has its European premiere this week

6.55 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century):
The Pfigrian's Progress, by Vaughan Williams. See Cholce. With Gerald Finley, baritone, Gwynne Howall, bass-bentione, and Jeremy White, bass, Royal Opera Chorus, Orchestra of the Royal Opera House under Richard Hickox. Prologue; Acts 1 and 2 7.55 Vaughan Williams in Paradise. Stephen Johnson explores the spiritual side of

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Raiph Vaughan Williams 8.10 The Pilgrim's
Progress, Acts 3 and 4: Epilogue

9.40 Postscript: Ulysses (Sounding the Century).
See Choice (1/5)

10.00 Voices (Sounding the Century). The American
soprano Susan Roberts and the planist lain
Burnside perform songs by Charles lives and
Eliott Carter. Includes lives (Songs My Mother
Taught Me; Memorias; The Cage; Serently): Carter
(Warble For Liac Time; Of Chalenge and Of Love)

10.45 Mbding It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall

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12.30sm Jazz Notes. Digby Fairwesther introduces a
set from the Dave Shepherd Quintet: Dave
Shepherd, clarinet, Roger Nobles, vibes, Brian
Lamon, piamo, Lan Skeat, double bess, and Alian
Ganley, drums

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Worner in the House. Shirley Writiams looks at tile in Westminster from a ternale perspective (2/5) 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with the Times columnist Melvyn Bragg and guests

10.00 (LW) Delty Service

10.00 (FM) News; With Great Pleasure. The actress Jerny Agutter chooses some of her tavourite writing. Read by Michael Pennington and Sara Kestelman

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler 10.30 Woman's Hour. The actress Kim Basinger talks to Jenni Murray about her recent return to film-

11.30 Money Box Live. Personal finance news 11.30 Money Bex Live. Personal finance news
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
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regional heat of the wildlife quiz 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
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2.00 News; Birdsong, by Sebastian Faulks,
chanasised by Nick Stafford. With Toby Stephens,
Adam Godley, Gevin Muir and Tom Mannion (2/3)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker goes to
the Neitonal Library for the Blind in Stockport. Plus
a performance from the Chimpinian Quartet and a
visit to Nottingham NOW Festival
4.45 Short Story: The Hunt, by Carol Ann Frazer,
read by Annette Crosbie

5.00 PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe 5.50
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6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 News Quizz. Simon Hoggert quizzes Francis
Wheen, Jeremy Hardy, Andy Hamilton and the
Times columnist Alan Coren (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Simon Parkes (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Killer Country, by Graham
White. The peace of a rural backwater is shathered
when two seemingly ordinary beenegers embark
on a reign of terror, leaving behind ihem a trail of
chaos and devastation. With Errama Owen-Smith
and Andraw Falvey
9.15 Tumpty-Tumpty-Tumpty-Tum. Jeremy Nicholas
examines the evolution of the signature tune (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Sectimes Laughter in the Dark, by
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read by David Horovitch (g/10)
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11.00 (Fit) Comparing Notes with Brian Kay. Brian Kay talks to the author John Suchet and the plantst John Lill about Seethoven (r)

11.00 (LW) Education Matters, with David Walter

11.30 (Fit) Ballylenon. The last episode of Christopher Fitz-Simon's comedy-drama series (r)

11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament

12.00 Never 12.30am The Late Book: Funny Boy, by Shyam Selvadurai, read by Gary Pital (1/10)

12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast

1.00 As World Service

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Another little drop of caricature, Tone?

or almost two decades, hav-ing a bit of a problem with Mike Leigh meant you had a bit of a problem with Alison Steadman. I'll own up to both. If you wondered how Leigh's legendary rehearsal period seemed only to produce characters that bordered on the caricature, you started to worry about Steadman's performance. She was terribly

dever - wasn't she? Then there was Leigh's humour. Were all the jokes at the expense of the lower middle classes, or aimed at the rest of us who sat there smugly chuckling away, confident that there was not the slightest possibility of us being mistaken for a Candice-Marie or a Beverley, a Keith or a Tone? Either way, didn't that make Steadman an accom-

plice to GPH - grievous patronising harm? I was no nearer to answering those questions at the end of

Funny Women: Alison Steadman

(BBC2) which kicked off the Abi-gail's Party Night on Saturday. But I was better equipped to go away and have another think about them, thanks to Louis Heaton's affectionate but impres-

sively revealing profile. Among the revelations was the fact that Steadman is first, and arguably foremost, a mimic. Her fellow actors (as a tribe they can be rather snooty about performances based on impersonation) preferred to describe her talent as "acute

observational powers". But we knew what they meant. And so did Steadman, quite re-laxed about an aptitude which, in her eyes, had saved her from a career of playing blonde dolly birds. Beverley was based on a Essex lady she had met, Candice-Marie on a friend, a reporter in Newshounds on a cerise-clad Nina Myskow. Steadman called them

Very much in the style of a Leigh

her "jumping-off points".

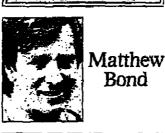
character, Peter York popped up to make the occasional jarring point about class. My particular favourite was him describing Candice-Marie and Keith from Nuts in May as "pretentious bullies". Bit rich, coming from someone who still had a gob-full of "wholemeal

aesthetics". But later, as I watched the repeat of Abigail's Party, it was John Salthouse's contribution that I remembered. Salthouse. who played the magnificently monosyllable Tony, recalled the audience reaction when the play was first performed in the theatre. "Some people wanted to hit her and some people thought she was camp and very, very funny," More than 20

wenty series on (yes, honest-ly) not much had changed with Antiques Roadshow (BBCI), which is probably just as well. The nearest we got to

years on, not much had changed.

REVIEW



innovation last night was a collector's cabinet from which a different expert each week will take their favourite little curio and tell us about it. Can we stand the excitement? I think we can.

After several disappointments and one downright disaster (The Great Antiques Hunt) in the never-ending search to replicate the series' astonishing success, the old master returned to show the

basic format of people, objects and valuations is so simple and yet so sustainable, that Antiques Roadshow could probably run forever.

Sensibly or accidentally (further programmes will reveal which). the show's Achilles' heel, the potentially clichéd valuation sequence, was slightly played down in this opening show from Dart-mouth. A fairly sophisticated bunch of owners (including Alfred Dunhill's son, who brought in a iountain-pen) knew a lot more than the basics and were only politely bowled over by the prices.

To such an extent that the game I invented last year (with the unwitting help of actor/playwright David Conville, who invented a much better game linked to obituaries) became rather poor sport. Once again the combination of "goodness" and/or "gracious" proved unbeatable, some way

was a first-time appearance of retail?" and a wonderfully insincere "Hah, that has surprised me".

Two people had their day modestly made - a bronze L incense-burner bought for £10 at a boot sale and valued at £500, and a children's book bought for \$20 and valued at \$1,200. But it was the fine Victorian watercolour that sticks in the memory. Turned out it was a fine Victorian touchedup photograph, worth a tenth of the £3,000 it might have been. The owner had the good grace to look crushed. "Very disappointing," he mumbled. I'm thinking of award-

ing double points for honesty. I have left Get Well Soon (BBC)) until last because I'm fed up with getting caught out by first episodes of new sitcoms. "Hmm, not bad," I write, caught up by the spirit of charity that necessarily surrounds

vulgar upstarts how it should be ahead of the second placed "that's anyone who bravely sets out to done. Which is effortlessly. The interesting". Otherwise notable make us laugh. But the number of make us laugh. But the number of times I've "hmm'd, not bad" and regretted it horribly by episode three ...

Nevertheless, Get Well Soon, from the pens of Ray Galton and John Antrobus, really did show signs of being not bad. The "sit" is certainly unusual, being a 1947 TB sanatorium, and the "com", dare I say it, looks promising, particularly given the constraints of an early evening show.

The canned laughter jarred unpleasantly in the early scenes and Matthew Cottle, as the ailing Roy. had more than a touch of the Nicholas Lyndhursts about him-But with intriguingly surreal contributions from Robert Bathhurst as Squadron Leader Fielding and Samantha Beckinsale as the glamorous and newly widowed Mrs Howell, the series got off to the sort of start ... Nope, mustn't get

6.00am Business Breakfast (10628) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (15086) 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (7) (5044406) 9.25 Style Challenge (5056241) 9.50 Kilroy (T) (2671393) 10.30 Change That In Sheffield (1989195)

10.55 The Realty Useful Show Alternative remedies for esthma (1) (7341845) 11.35 Real Rooms A Black Country living-room

12.00 News (T) and weather (6731777) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (6862195) 12.35 Going for a Song (2750574) 1.00 News (T) and weather (85845) 1.30 Regional News (T) (84871086) 1.40 The Weather Show (59322951) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (97284116) 2.10 Quincy (r) (2436845)

3.00 World on a Plate Mexico's contribution to world cuisine (T) (5628) 3.30 Playdays (f) (8602609) 3.50 Enchanted Lands (1621796) 4.00 Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes (9481406) 4.15 Noah's Island (T) (4965898) 4.40 Goosebumps (T) (6714593) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5952932) 5.10 Blue Peter (D. 40620222)

(T) (9803932) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (825512) 6.00 News (T) and weather (51) 6.30 Regional News (T) (13) 7.00 This is Your Life (1) (7609)

7.30 Here and Now A report on a microscopic plant infecting the North Sea, threatening fish by the million (T) (15) 8.00 EastEnders (1) (6357)

8.30 Only Fools and Horses Rodney tires of his role in Trotters Independent Traders

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1) regional news and weather (4116)

Hotel The first in an eight-part beginning with the weekend of the Grand lational (T) (65406)

10.00 Panorama: The Surrogate Martin Beshir talks to three couples at the centre of a bitter feud over the newborn beby of surrogate mother Karen Roche (1) (196932) 10.40 On Side John Inverdale chats to world

heavyweight boxing champion Lennox Lewis: and lockey Walter Swinburn. Luciano Pavarotti talks about his love of soccer. Plus a report on fallen king of the ring Mike Tyson (1) (905777)

11.30 Film '97 with Berry Norman The new

attractions at this year's London Film Festival, including Keep the Aspidistra Flying, starring Helena Bonham Carter and Richard E. Grant, and The Ice Storm, with Sigourney Weaver. Also featured: Face/Off, with John Travolta and Nicolas Cage (1) (63680) 12.00 The Mechanic (1972) A slick

professional hit man is persuaded to take on a young apprentice to help him carry out his dirty work. Violent thriller, with Charles Bronson, Jan-Michael Vincent, Keenan Wynn and Jill Ireland. Directed by Michael Winner (T) (420365)

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1.10 The Art and Antiques Hour Textiles antique fans; gouache painting (6802048) 2.10 Going, Going, Gone (96548715) 2.35 The Really Useful Show (3817135) 2.40 News (3814048) 2.45 Clash of the Titans: the 1981 battle for the Ashes (7571777) 3.25 News (8419154) 3.30 The Village (8888883) 3.55 The Really Useful Show (8639048) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (16) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (r) (1270880) 4.55 Esther (9067135) 5.30 Today's the Day (80)

6.00 The Simpsons (1/2) (T) (936628) 6.20 Battlestar Galactica (671425) 7.10 The Car's the Star The VW Camper van

7.30 Making Ma revolutionised an in the 15th century (I)



Donna Bernard, Dr Hammond (8pm)

8.00 Trust Me, I'm a Doctor The inside's reside to the medical insider's guide to the medical profession looks at the pittalls of herelip and cleft palate surgery for babies, and an investigation into a cheap and effective remedy for pain (1) (4999) 8.30 Two Fat Ladies Jennifer Paterson and

of cooking in the field for the Gurkhas. Last in series (1) (3406) 9.00 The Mrs Merton Show (r) (T) (5086) 9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (r) (1)

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Fm Alan Partridge Comedy,
with Steve Coogan as the
former chal-show host (T) (57999) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (163864) 11.15 Oldie TV (498222) 11.55 Weather (928203) 12.00 Midnight Hour (83384)

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6.00am GMTV (4516796) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (5032661) 9.55 Regional News (6559390)

10.00 The Time, the Place (64864) 10.30 This Morning (T) (48835135) 12.20pm Regional News (6720661)

12.30 News (2786999) 12.55 High Road (T) (2754390) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (70646113) 1.50 Mister Ten Per Cent (1967) Comedy starring Charlie Drake and Derek Nimmo. Directed by Peter Graham Scott (8034715)

3.20 News (T) (8414609)

3.25 Regional News (8406880) 3.30 Tots TV (3339628) 3.40 The Slow Norris (1610690) 3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants (3309116) 4.05 Sooty and Co (T) (6765870) 4.25 Sabrina the Teen Witch (T) (4765890) 4.50 How 2 (T)

5.10 WALES: The House DiY show following the transformation of a derelict Victorian house into a home for the 21st century (r) (1) (9365883)

5.10 We Are Seven Pansy Morgan hatches a 5.40 News (T) and weather (326690)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (842715) 6.25 Regional Weather (728796) 6.30 Regional News (T) (99)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers with Bradley Walsh, Francine Lewis, Greg Frewin, Gary Barlow, Darren Day and Edwine Currie (2777) 7,30 Coronation Street Alec and the Rovers

team face some shocking news (T) (83) 8.00 World in Action A plumber is caught on camera as he pours toxic waste into the cold water supply, snoops and steals just part of the programme's campaign to calch: "cowboys" red-handed (T) (1425)



Michael Barrymore (8.30pm)

8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich (1)

(1112) 9.00 Gold: She's Back Colette's snub devastates Rose, who then finds herself harbouring Paula (T)

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (44425) 10.30 Regional News and weather (561512) 10.40 Nash Bridges Nash and Joe cut a deal with a gangland money-launderer (T) (638593)

11.40 Highlander (504357) 12.40am Football Extra (5938029) 1.40 War of the Worlds The aliens plan to build and detonate an atom bomb (r) (8133029)

3.30 God's Gift (r) (3438278) 4.25 Recollections (40027487) 4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (93077636) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (95704)

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6.30 Hollycaks A delighted Mandy suffers her father's wrath, when she appears in a tashion spread for the local paper (T) (41) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T). Includes headlines at 7,30 (329970)

7.55 Whose Choice?: Mixed Feelings First of four nightly programmes marking the 30th anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act. Beginning with the "agony aunt" Virginia Ironside talking about her two abortions (630512)

8.00 Wild Tales from National Geographic The wildlife of the Sonora Desert, which stretches from northern Mexico to Arizona (6/B) (T) (7932)



9.00 Equinox: Natural Born Genius? An examination of the contentious subject of human intelligence, following the story of Robert Plomin and his attempt to find the first specific gene that contributes to general intelligence (1) (7796)

10.00 NYPO Blue Simone is investigated by Internal Alfairs (T) (736574) 10,55 Seven Sins: Wrath Annie Griffin satirise the world of pop music. With Dennis Pennis and Elaine C. Smith. Last in series

11.25 The American Football Big Match (377715)

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5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz (T) (3112883) 6.00 100 Per Cent Game show without a host

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6.30 Family Affairs Maria throws Roy out of the flat (T) (3100048) 7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (5791222) 7.30 Song of the Seal: Most Intelligent Creatures on Earth A wildlife documentary about the sperm whale (1)

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drama starring John Thaw and Dennis



Tavaré, Eclair, Lee (10pm)

10.00 The Cornedy Network A new stand-up comedy series hosted by Boothby Graffoe, with Jenny Edair, Stewart Lee and Jim Tavaré (5548131)

10.30 Tibs and Fibs A new series of the meverent medical quiz chaired by Tony Slattery (5748339)

11.00 Not the Jack Docherty Show With Graham Norton (4720777) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8527796)

12.45am Live and Dangerous Extreme sport action from the United States (37115128) 3.45 Asian Football Show (8846988) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco: No

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Roditi pay to plummet as market rout hits Soros Quota fund

IN NEW YORK

NICHOLAS RODITI, whose estimated earnings last year of £85 million made him Britain's highest paid man, looks set for a breathtaking pay cut because the value of the investment funds he manages has collapsed by nearly \$500 million (£300 million) since July. Mr Roditi, who runs part of the George

Soros investment empire from offices in Hampstead, North London, has seen the value of money invested in the Quota Fund he manages fall 20 per cent over the past four months. The steep decline partly reflects the falls in worldwide financial markets, which are estimated to have cost Mr Soros about \$2 billion.

The Quota Fund has also been hit by a fall in the entry premium that investors have to pay. In July, the premium was 67 per cent over net asset values. Since then the premium has fallen to 48 per cent as demand for the fund declined.

These serbacks for Quota will have an immediate impact on Mr Roditi's earnings, which are closely linked to the performance he achieves. His enormous income in recent years reflected the strong performance of the fund, which produced annual returns of 50 per cent last year and 150 per cent in 1995.

totalling \$57 billion. Mr Soros's latest annual report shows that a minimum investment of \$100,000 in Mr Roditi's fund in 1992 would today be worth

\$750,000, including dividend payments.
Wall Street traders said the publicity shy Mr Roditi combines extreme risktaking with a willingness to hold on to investments long-term even when they

In July, Quota had net assets of \$2.4 are doing badly. His confidence in his billion and leveraged trading positions investments is said to come from firstinvestments is said to come from firsthand knowledge of the items in his portfolio. Recently, Mr Roditi made a complex \$38 billion bet that the dollar will appreciate against other currencies. He also wagered \$13 billion on the fall of bonds in Asia. This move was a rare change in his investment strategy. This

year, he was bullish on US and European

government bonds. His US and Euro-

billion, the annual report shows.

The Soros organisation declined to comment. Mr Soros created the Quota Fund in 1992 as a spin-off from the Quantum Fund, which he had used to break the pound on Black Wednesday.

Like Mr Soros. Mr Roditi is known as a "macro investor" who speculates on the movement of whole sections of the market rather than individual stocks or bonds.

Retailers fear EU consumer rights changes

By Adam Jones and Carl Mortished

about a proposed European law that will give consumers more power to claim refunds for faulty merchandise.

The Brussels directive would give consumers the right to a refund or replacement merchandise if a fault appears within one year of delivery. If a fault appears in the second year, the customer will be able to claim a free repair or a price reduction.

The proposed European directive represents a radical departure from current UK law, which provides consumers with a short-term right. often merely a few weeks, to reject unsatisfactory goods. Longer term, consumers in Britain have a right to claim damages only, which might include the cost of repair, although these damages can be claimed for up to six years after the date of purchase.

The Brussels initiative is likely to receive an enthusiastic welcome from consumer groups, but it could hurt retailers badly. Retailers under competitive pressure may find it difficult to pass on the risk with increased price. Most affected, however, will be retailers such as Dixons and Comet, which make money by selling extended warranties on electrical goods. The enormous profits

earned by electrical retailers

Kalms: margins may be hit

warranties sold to consumers were the subject of an OFT inquiry. The trading standards watchdog recommended a code of practice with more disclosure on the cost of warranties. City analysts expected Dixons, whose chairman is Sir Stanley Kalms, to earn £100 million in the current year from selling long-term warranties. However, the recent imposition of VAT on insur-

margins.
Under existing UK law, the onus is on the buyer to show that the defect was present at the time of sale and did not result from misuse. The proposed European directive re-

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verses the burden of proof and assumes that any defect in the from premiums on long-term first six months was present at time of delivery. The British Retail Consortium claims that draft legislation aimed at extending

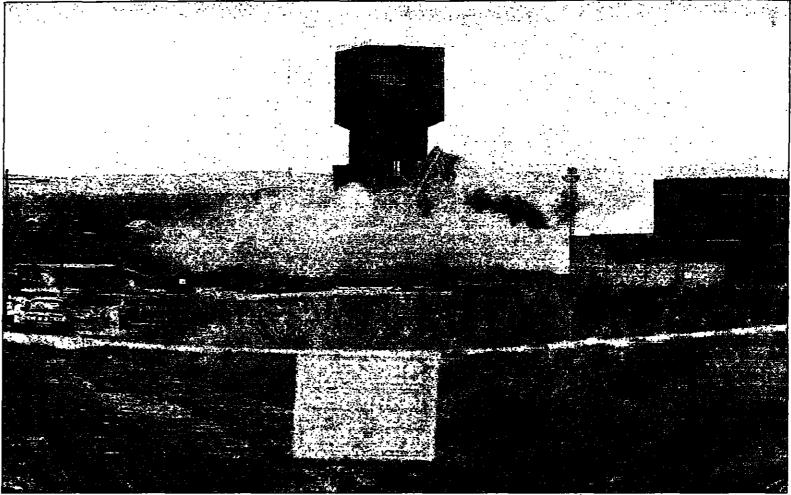
consumer rights will add as much as 2 per cent to the cost of goods in the shops. Mark Souhami, chairman of the British Retail Consortium and deputy chairman of Dixons, said that retailers will have to cover the cost of these

new liabilities by imposing higher prices. He said: "It is likely to add 1 to 2 per cent to the cost of all merchandise. The cost to the consumer would run into billions."

The Department of Trade and Industry issued a consultation paper on the proposed law ahead of negotiations scheduled by Luxembourg, the current EU president. The decision whether to implement the proposed directive is likely to be taken under Britain's presidency next year.

A final economic impact study is expected from the European Commission next month. Implementation of the directive in the UK will require a corresponding Act of

The DTI said that the twoyear guarantee period did not mean that all goods will have to be built to last at least two years. Goods that are commonly expected to last a short time, such as disposable razors, will not be covered.



The pithead tower of Monktonhall Colliery near Edinburgh was demolished this weekend. The demolition ended the hopes of miners who each invested £10,000 in 1992 to try to save their jobs. Flooding problems made the mine unprofitable, and it closed in June with the loss of 700 jobs.

UK profits at six-year high Developers eye £15m

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

PROFITS of UK companies are at their highest for six years, with oil, pharmaceutical and construction companies showing the greatest growth in earnings, a new report says.

However, sterling's recent strength and its effect on exports is likely to take a toll of company results and profitability later in the year, according to Experian, the credit-checking agency for-merly known as CCN Group. More evidence of the

products. However Cherty Kuczynski, a spokes-

woman for the retailer, denied

that M&S is preparing an

assault on the supermarkets'

traditional territory. She said: The sale of basic commod-

ities like salt is a very competi-

tive area. We intend to

concentrate instead on areas

where we can add value. That

is what we are particularly

good at.
"Supermarkets sell an aver-

age of 25,000 different food

products, whereas we have only 2.500. We will continue

M&S is overhauling the 19

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Analysts have predicted that

half-year profits will show a

rise from £430 million to

around £460 million, although

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Philip Bassett, left,

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Littlewoods chain in July.

These will open as M&S outlets from next summer.

to be selective."

strength of British business comes from the London Chamber of Commerce, which today reports that the capital's economy is surging ahead largely unaffected by the strength of sterling.

However, Experian, which analyses data from businesses worldwide, said the pound's strength was bad news for the leisure and hotels sector in the second quarter of 1997.

Not only did the number of tourists to the UK fall sharply in the first six months of the

year as the UK became more expensive, but foreign holidays for Britons became corre-

spondingly cheaper.

Also badly hit was the engineering sector, which was affected by weakened exports and a shortage of skills. Peter Brooker, an associate director of Experian, said:

"Engineering products are more sensitive to price changes in international markets." Chemicals, textiles, food manufacturing and the media were also hit.

Wimpey headquarters

By CARL MORTISHED

PROPERTY developers are prowling around the massive Wimpey corporate headquarters in West London. The housebuilder is expected to put the Hammersmith site on the market early next year, making way for a £40-50 million redevelopment.

Stanhope, the property development company run by Stuart Lipton, has been in talks with Wimpey and is making inquiries about a

neighbouring site occupied by NCP Car Parks and owned by London Transport. The Wimpey site is expected

to fetch about £15 million but competition will be keen. The site comprises two office blocks, a 1950s building at the front and a 1970s block to the rear. Wimpey has secured planning permission for a new 120,000 sq ft redevelopment at the front, opening the door to a 300,000 sq ft development.

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M&S expansion to create 2,000 jobs worldwide

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

MARKS & SPENCER, which unveils half-year results to-2,000 jobs in the first stage of a £2 billion expansion programme to turn itself into a truly international retailer.

The group confirmed yesterday that almost 2.000 jobs would be created worldwide in the financial year to April 1998. The three-year project will include increasing retail space in Britain and new stores for Hong Kong and Germany. The retailer also has its

sights set on expansion in France. and intends to open outlets in Dartford and Manchester. The latter. at 250,000 sq ft, will replace the Marble Arch store as the world's largest M&S store.

The company is currently piloting in-store bakeries and butchers counters. This move has led to speculation that the group intends to begin competing with rival supermar-kets such as Sainsbury and Tesco in the same basic commodities rather than premi-

This week in

THE TIMES

Lloyds TSB runs buyer's rule over life insurers By RICHARD MILES

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

LLOYDS TSB is casting an eye over several life insurers as it looks to spend some of its huge capital surplus on a UK acquisition.

Peter Ellwood, chief executive, said the bank was "running its slide rule over a number of companies", but he stressed there was no imminent deal.

Potential targets include some of the mutual insurers and new convert Norwich Union, though analysts believe Lloyds TSB could make a bid for Abbey National or Nationwide.

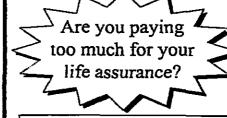
Analysts also pointed out that the bank has a track record of making acquisitions during the fourth quarter so that the books were clear for the new year.

Acquisitions in the life assurance or mortgage markets are unlikely to run into difficulties with the regulators, unlike the mooted merger of Bardays and NatWest, because Lloyds TSB has less than 10 per cent of either

Mr Ellwood said the bank currently had about £1 billion of excess capital that could be used for acquisitions, though in the absence of any deal he would consider returning the money to shareholders through a buy-back or special dividend.

While not ruling out an acquisition on the Continent. Mr Ellwood said the bank's expansion into Europe would be based on the use of technology. One possibility is a link with a European retailer, as Lloyds TSB has joined forces with Asda in the UK.

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